



BANKHEAD NATIONAL HIGHWAY

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What is the Project?

- Joint Effort
 - Texas Historical Commission
 - Texas Department of Transportation
- Grant from Federal Highways Administration
- Commemorate Historic Highways
- Heritage Tourism



Source: TxDOT Photo Library

What is the Project?

- Goals
 - Develop Historic Context
 - Document Historic Buildings and Structures Along Bankhead Highway
 - Make Information Available to Public
 - Promote Tourism



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What is the Project?

- Survey all alignments of Bankhead Highway in Texas.
Also known as:
 - State Highway 1
 - US 80 (west of Dallas)
 - US 67 (east of Dallas)
 - Broadway of America
- Please help us identify historic resources along highway



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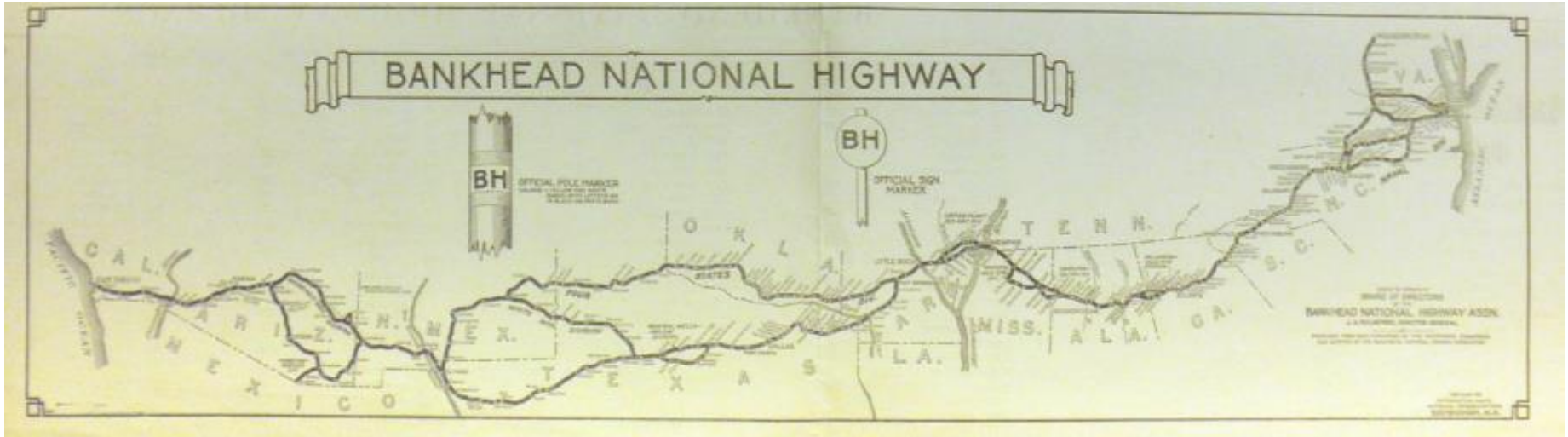
What is the Project?

- Schedule
 - Historic Context
 - 10 public meetings from August to December
 - Survey crews to visit 1 to 2 weeks after each public meeting
 - Fieldwork to be completed by December or January
 - Report due July 2014



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What is the Bankhead Highway?



Source: Birmingham Public Library

- Transcontinental Highway from Washington DC to San Diego CA by way of Alabama
- Idea dates to 1916 by Asa Rountree and Senator John H. Bankhead of Alabama

What is the Bankhead Highway?



- Lincoln Highway from New York NY to San Francisco CA
- Other Highway Associations formed in 1910s



Who is Bankhead?

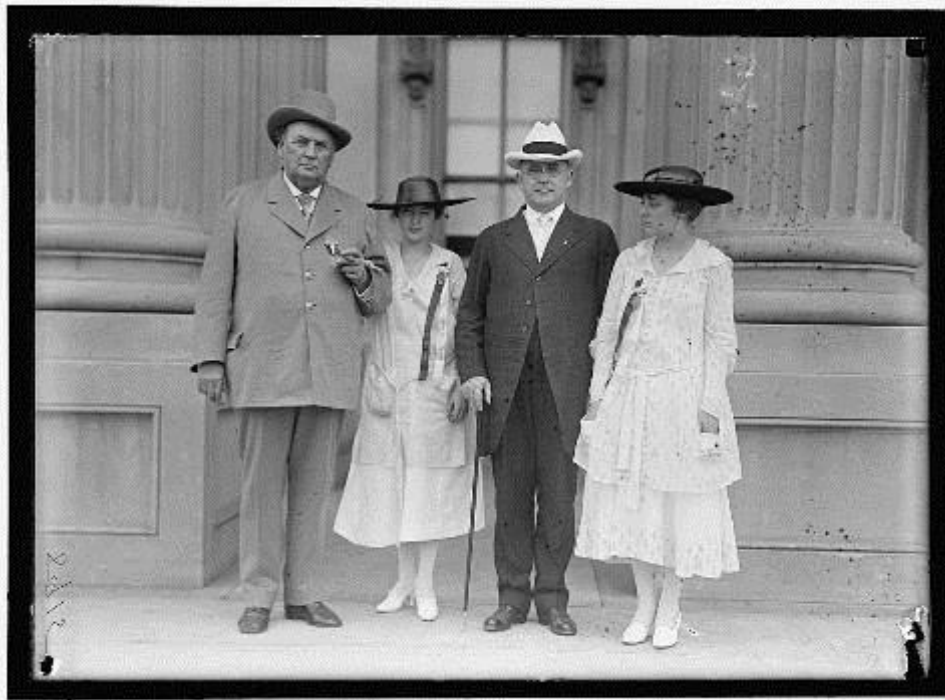
- Senator John Hollis Bankhead (1842-1920)
 - U.S. Senator 1907-1920
 - Promoted Good Roads
 - Sponsored Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1916



Source: Library of Congress

Who is Bankhead?

Yes, he is related to Tallulah Bankhead



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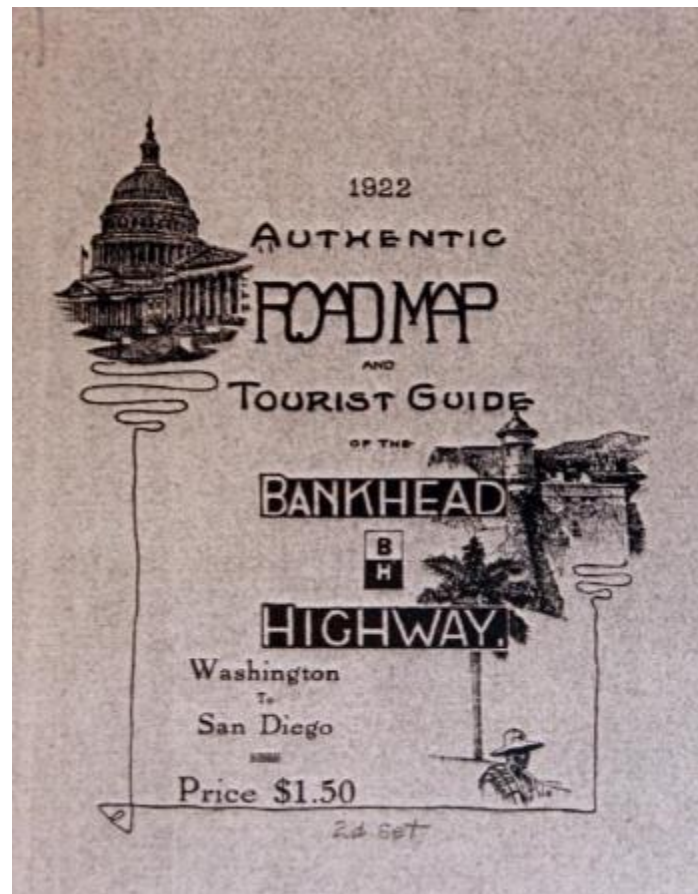
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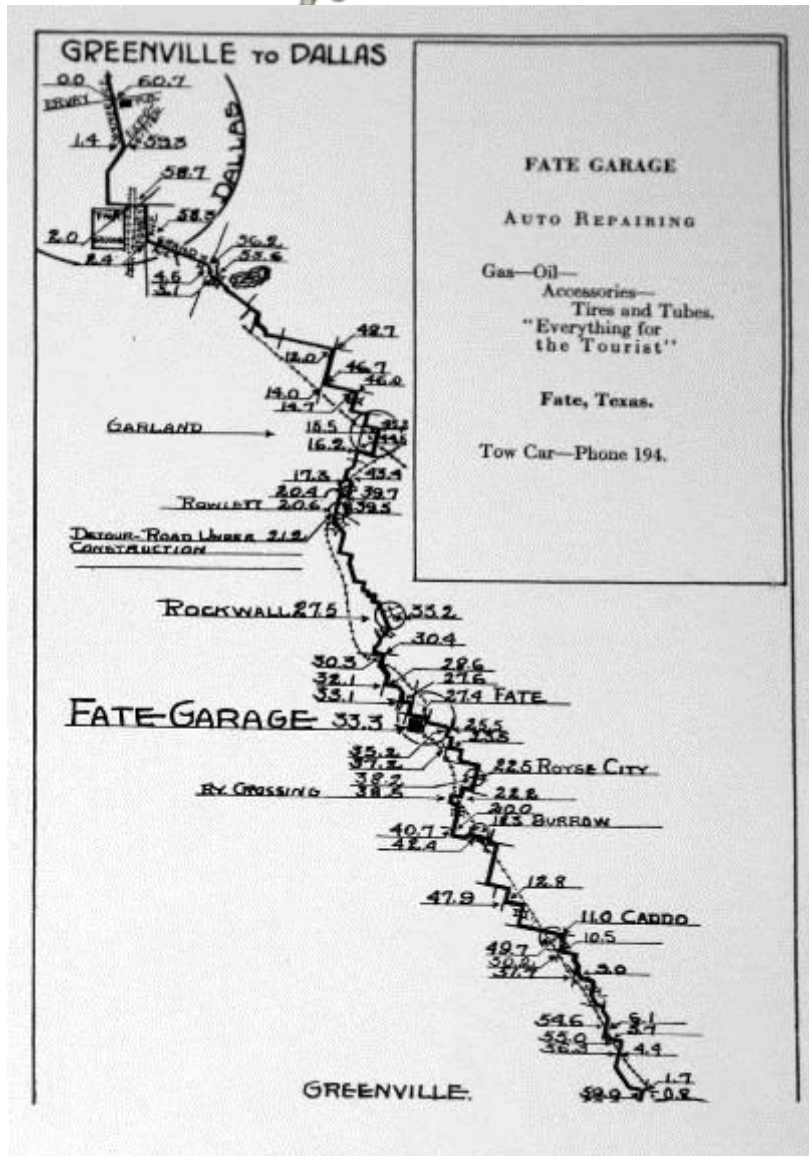
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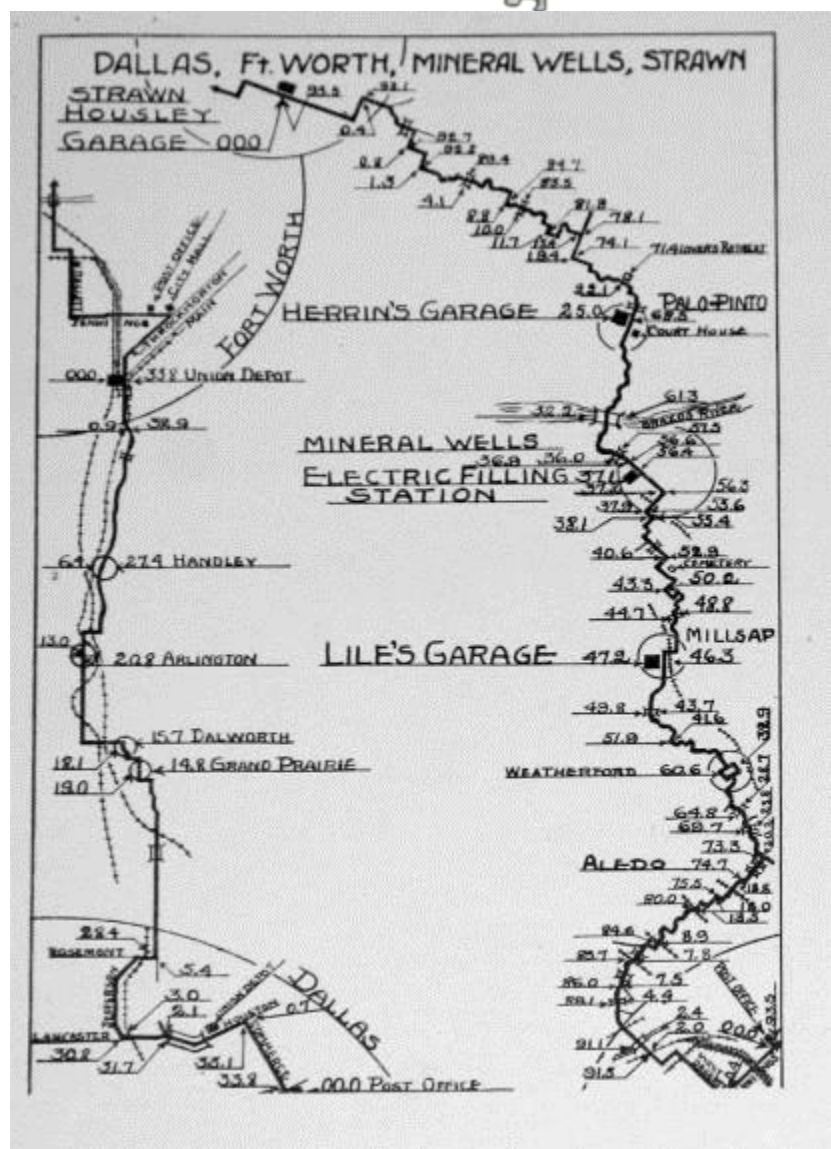


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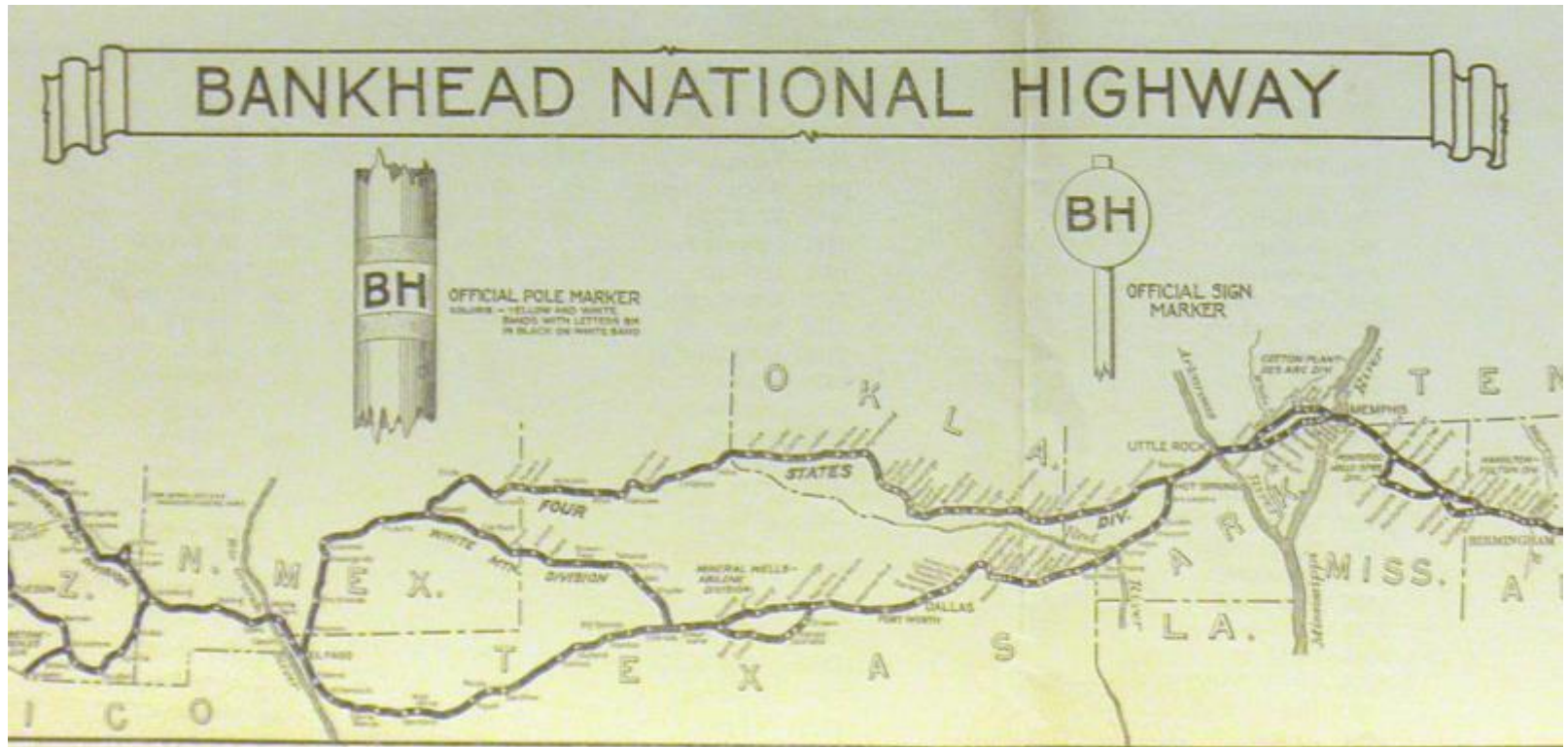
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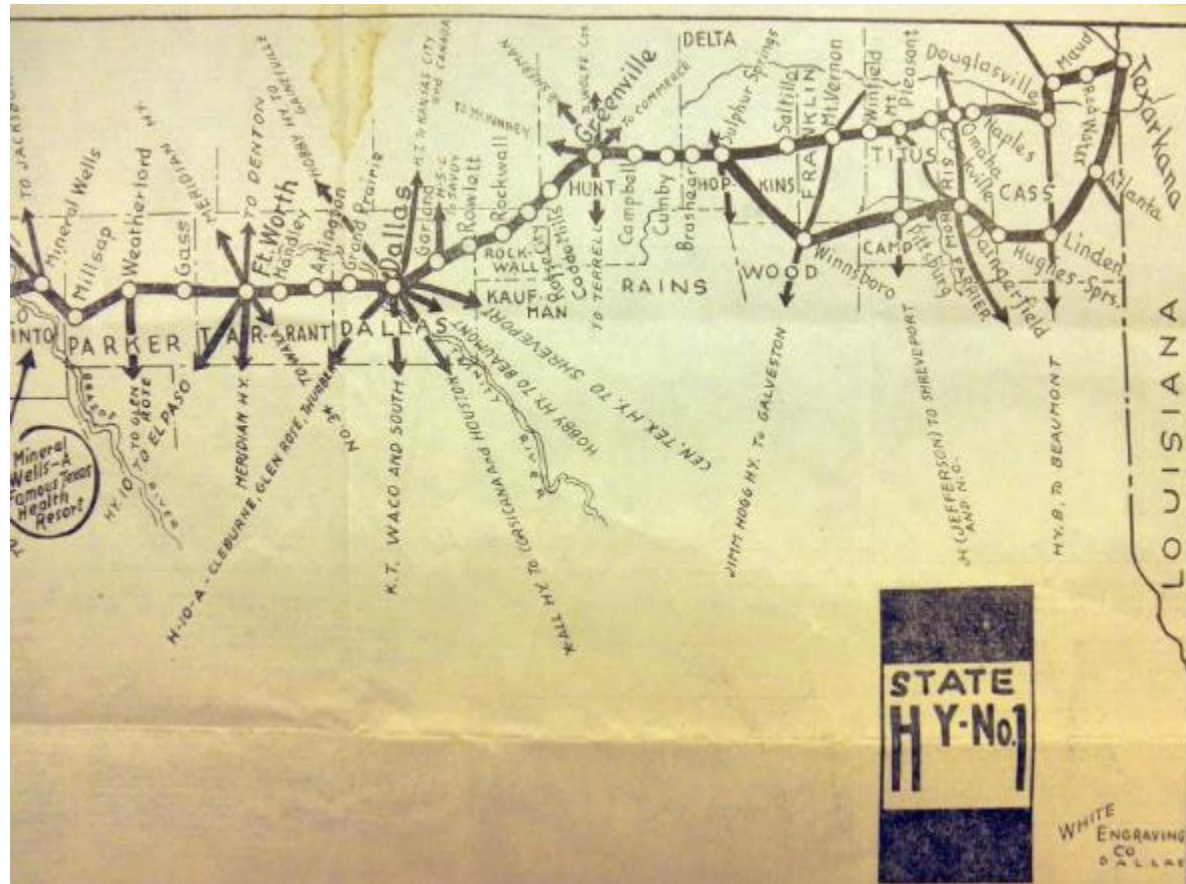
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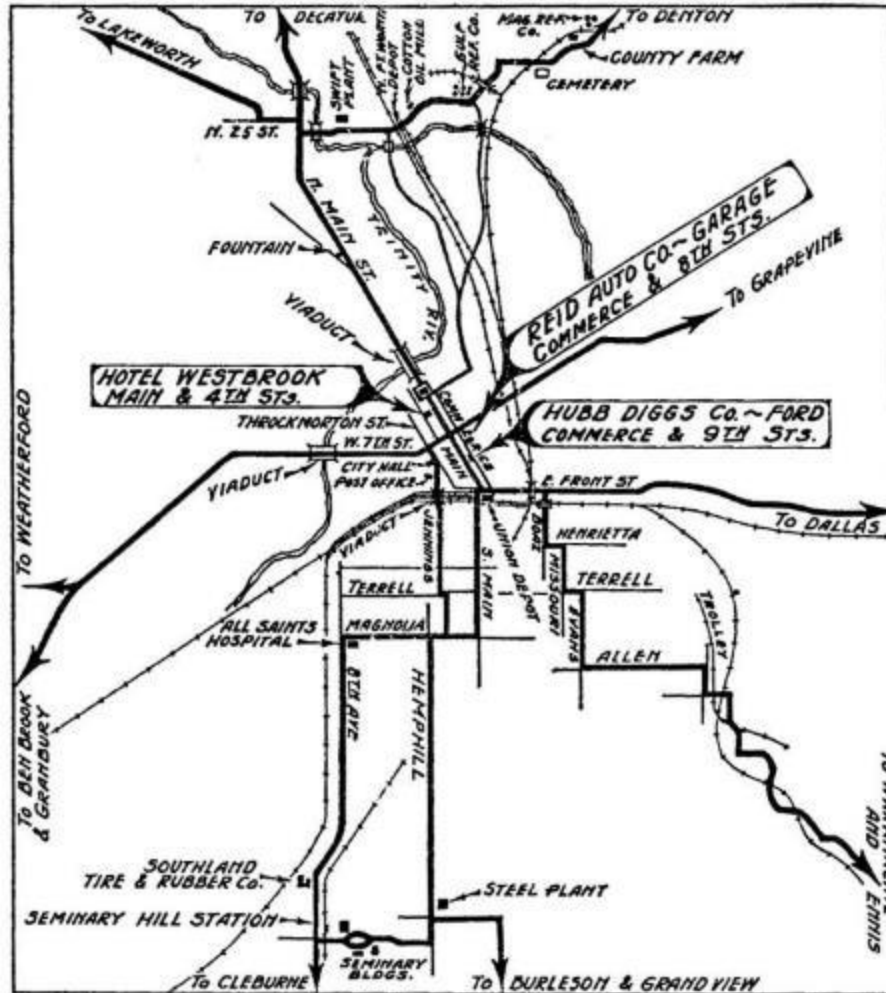
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Source: Baylor University

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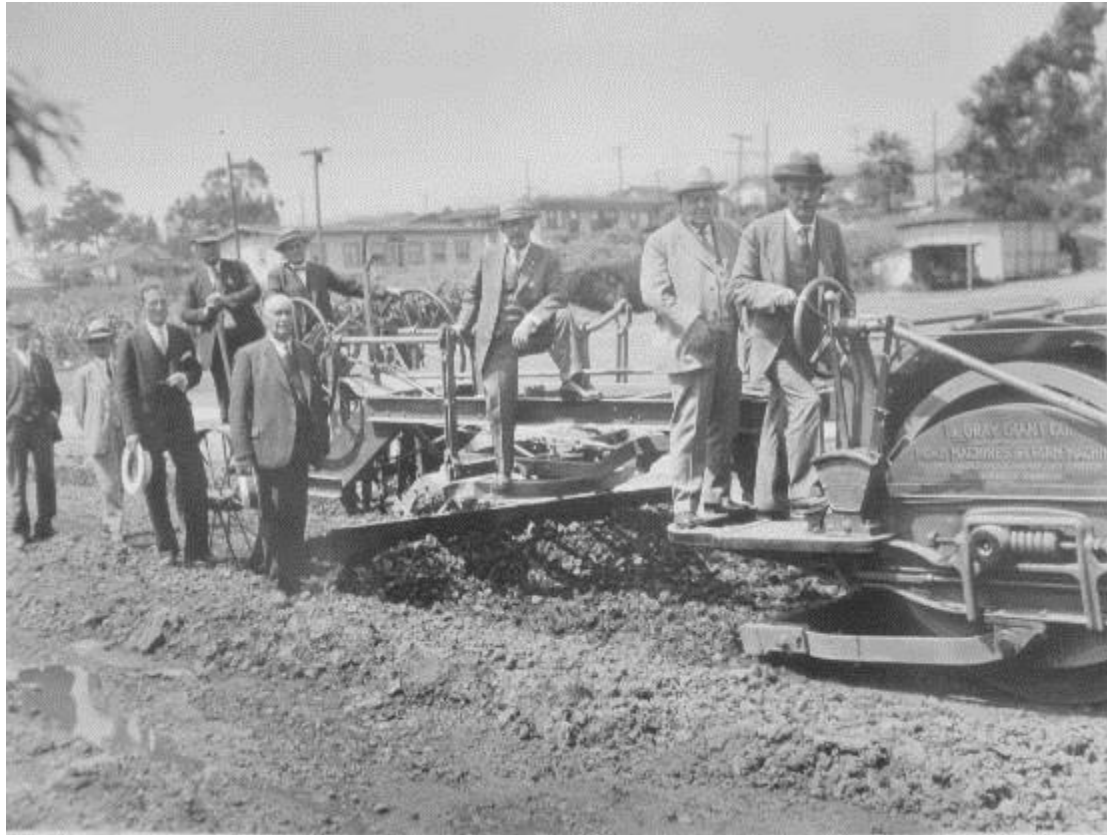
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Source: National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD

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May, 1924 CONCRETE HIGHWAY MAGAZINE 105

Shall it be Gravel or Single Track Concrete?

By J. W. REESE
County Judge, Rockwall, Texas

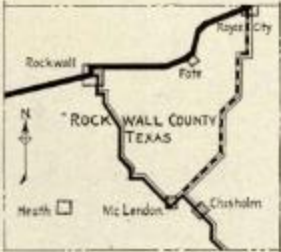


He is a "booster" for concrete roads.

THOUGH available funds for road construction in Rockwall County were not sufficient for building standard width pavements, the taxpayers of Texas' smallest county would be satisfied with nothing less than concrete. The solution was found in the construction of single track concrete pavement which provided sufficient mileage to place every farmer in the county within an average distance of one mile from a hard-surfaced highway.

When road improvement was first contemplated, it was expected that only 13½ miles from Royce City through Rockwall would be paved. On this stretch—an 18-foot concrete pavement—Government and Federal Aid amounted to \$348,000 and the county's share was \$350,000. The balance of the \$800,000 county bond issue voted in 1919 originally was to be used in gravelling the other important roads in the county. The change from gravel to single track concrete pavement for these roads was made after careful deliberation based on estimated costs.

As there is no gravel deposit in the county, all of this material must be imported over a haul of from 40 to 50 miles. Under these conditions a gravel surface 16 feet wide would cost \$11,000 per mile, exclusive of bridges and grading. The maintenance of a gravel road would add five or six hundred dollars yearly expense per mile while expensive scarifying and reshaping would be necessary every eight or ten years. Texas laws permit a county to issue bonds for only 25 per cent of its



Legend

- 18 ft. Concrete Pavement Completed.
- 6 ft. Concrete Pavement Completed.
- 6 ft. Concrete Pavement Proposed.

Source: Internet Archive

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Source: The Portal to Texas History

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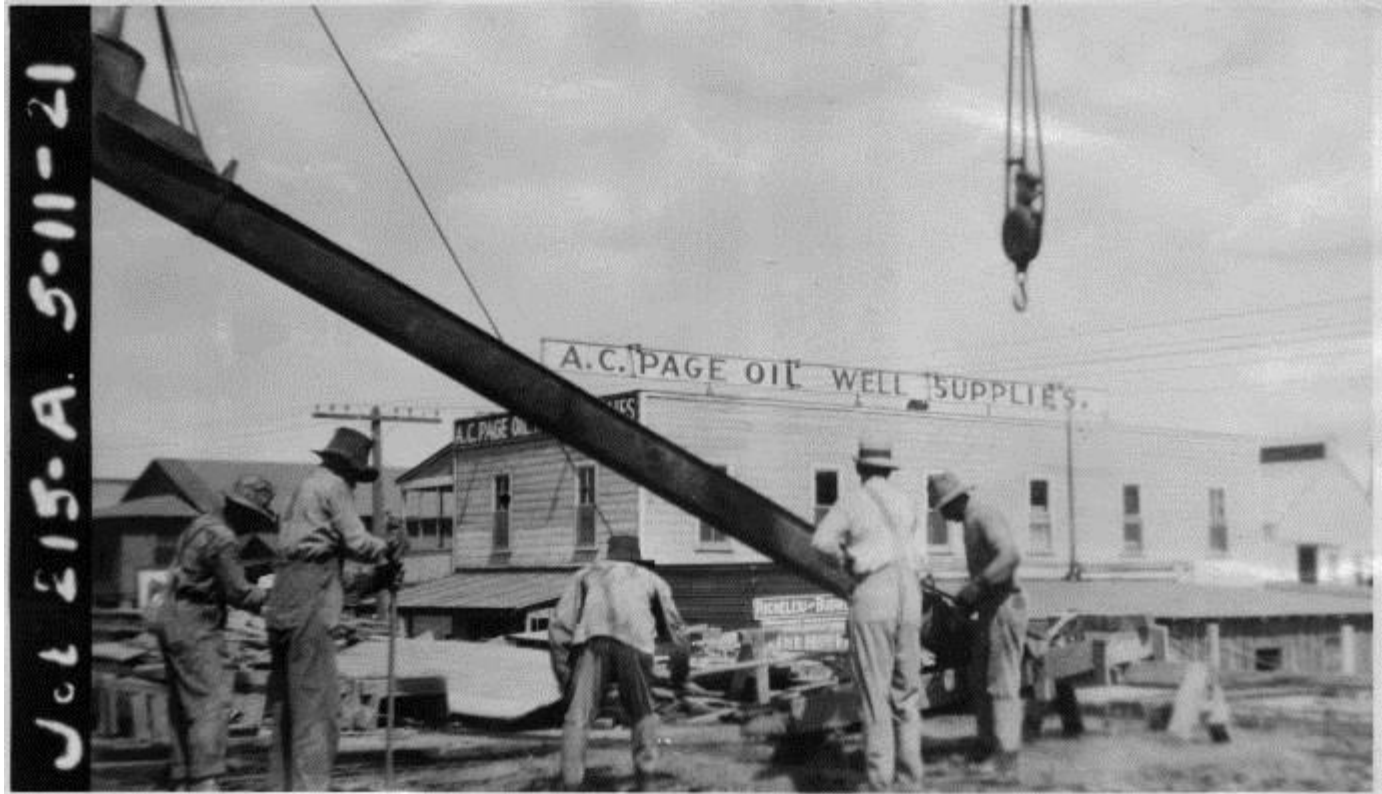
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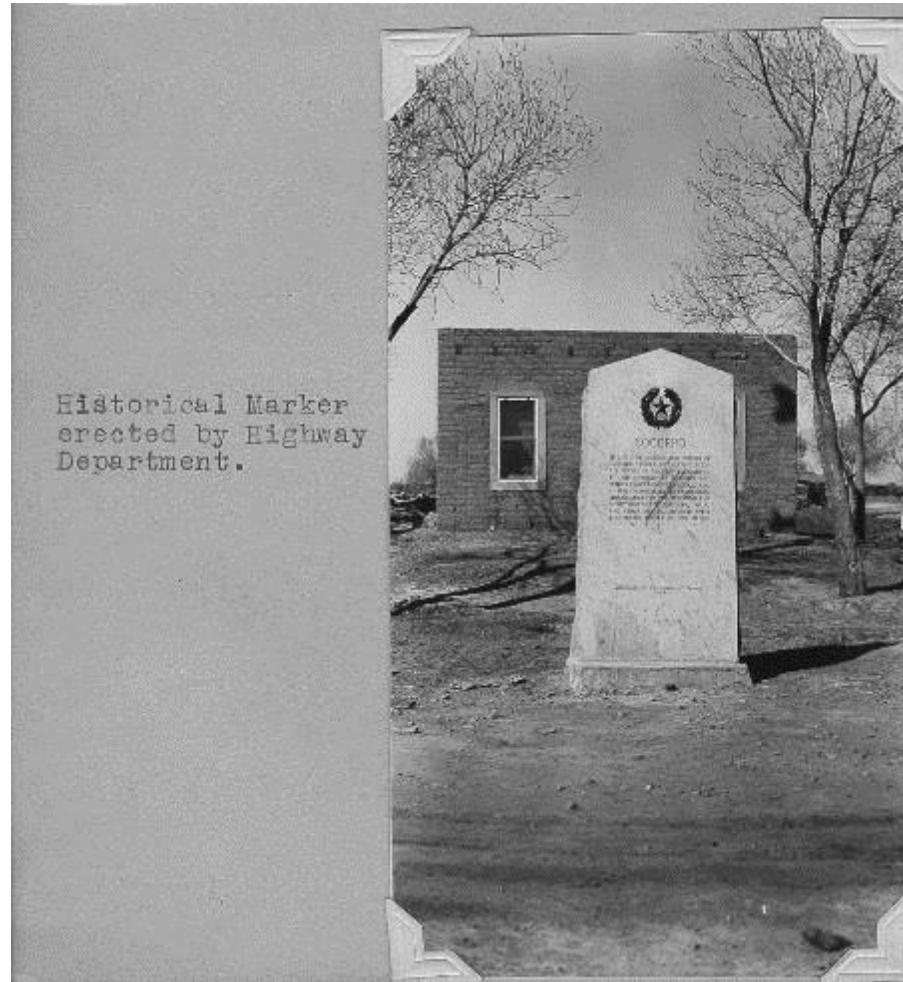
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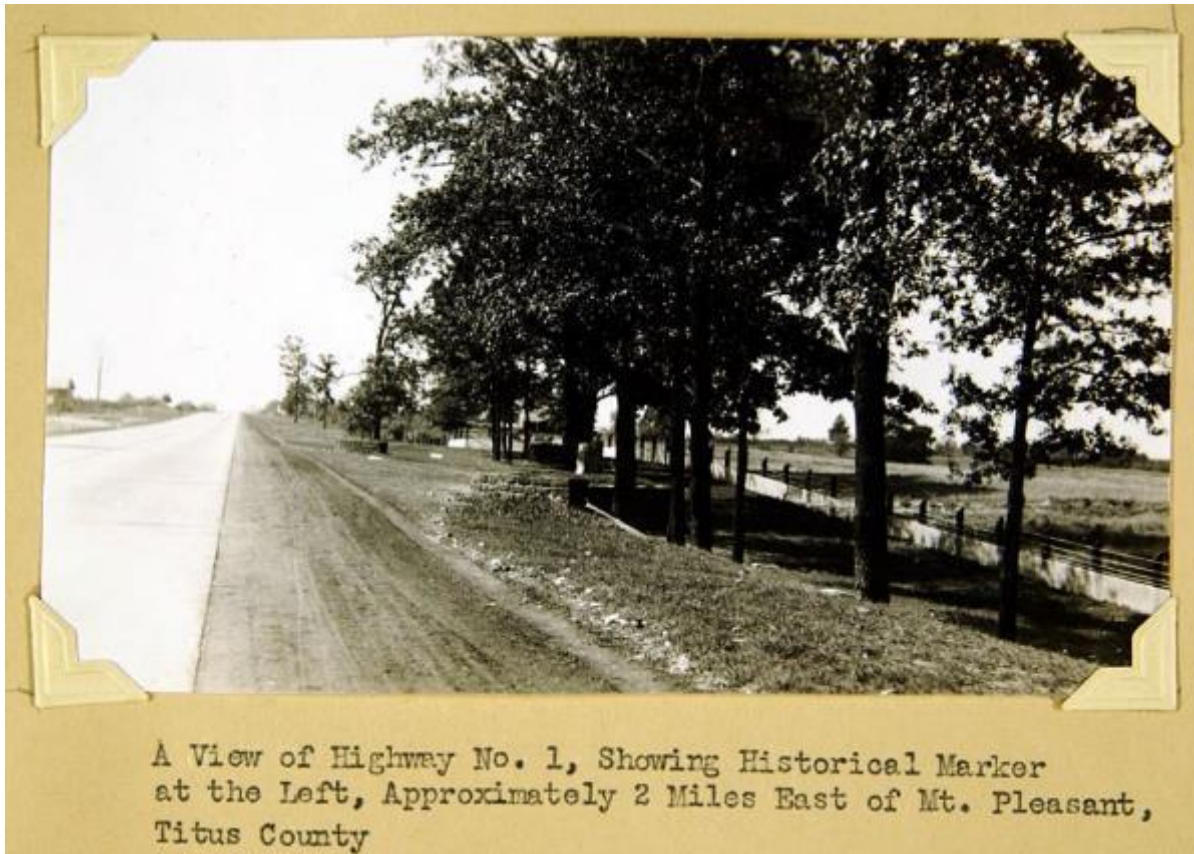
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Why Was The Highway Needed?

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A View of Highway No. 1, Showing Historical Marker
at the Left, Approximately 2 Miles East of Mt. Pleasant,
Titus County

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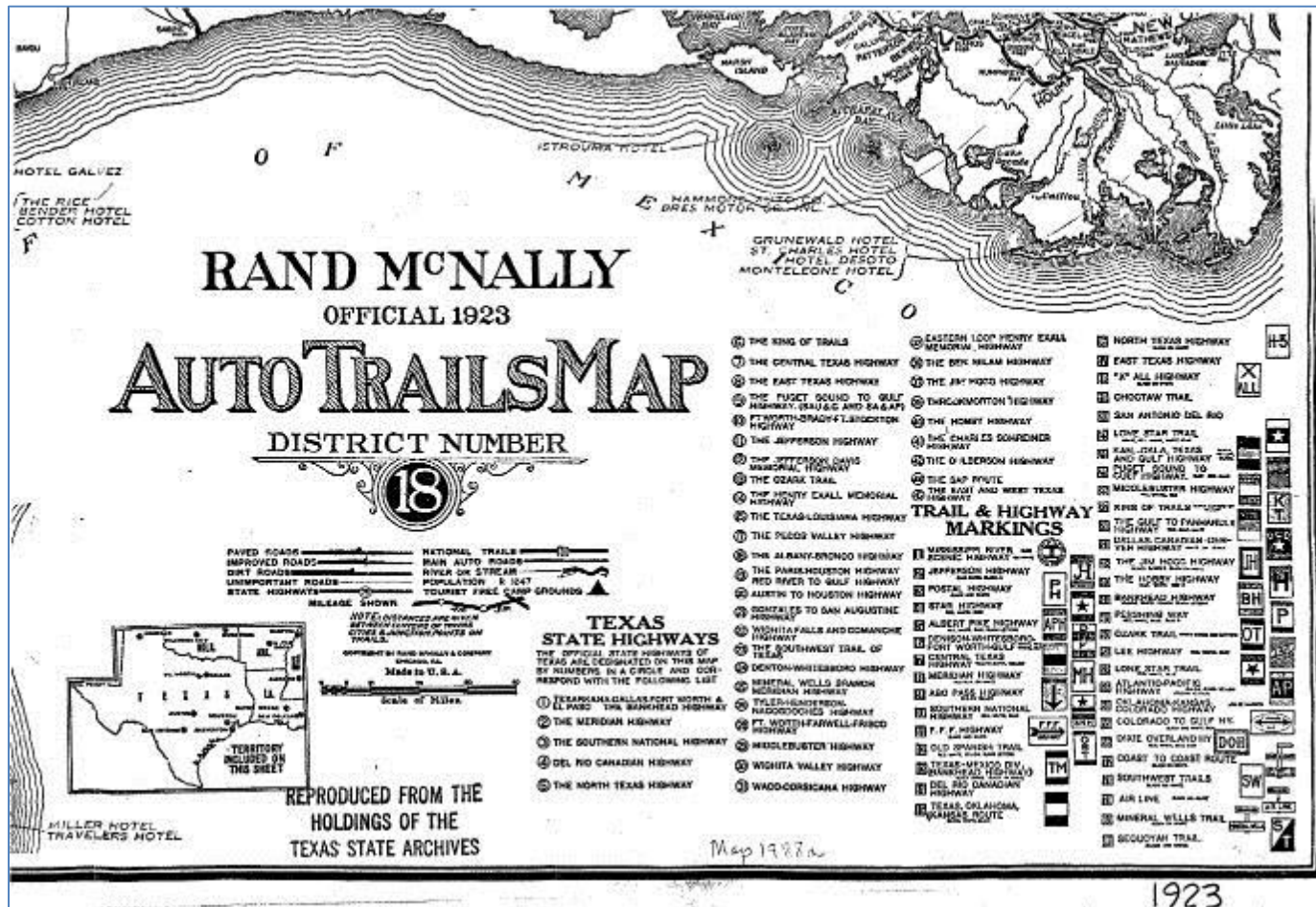
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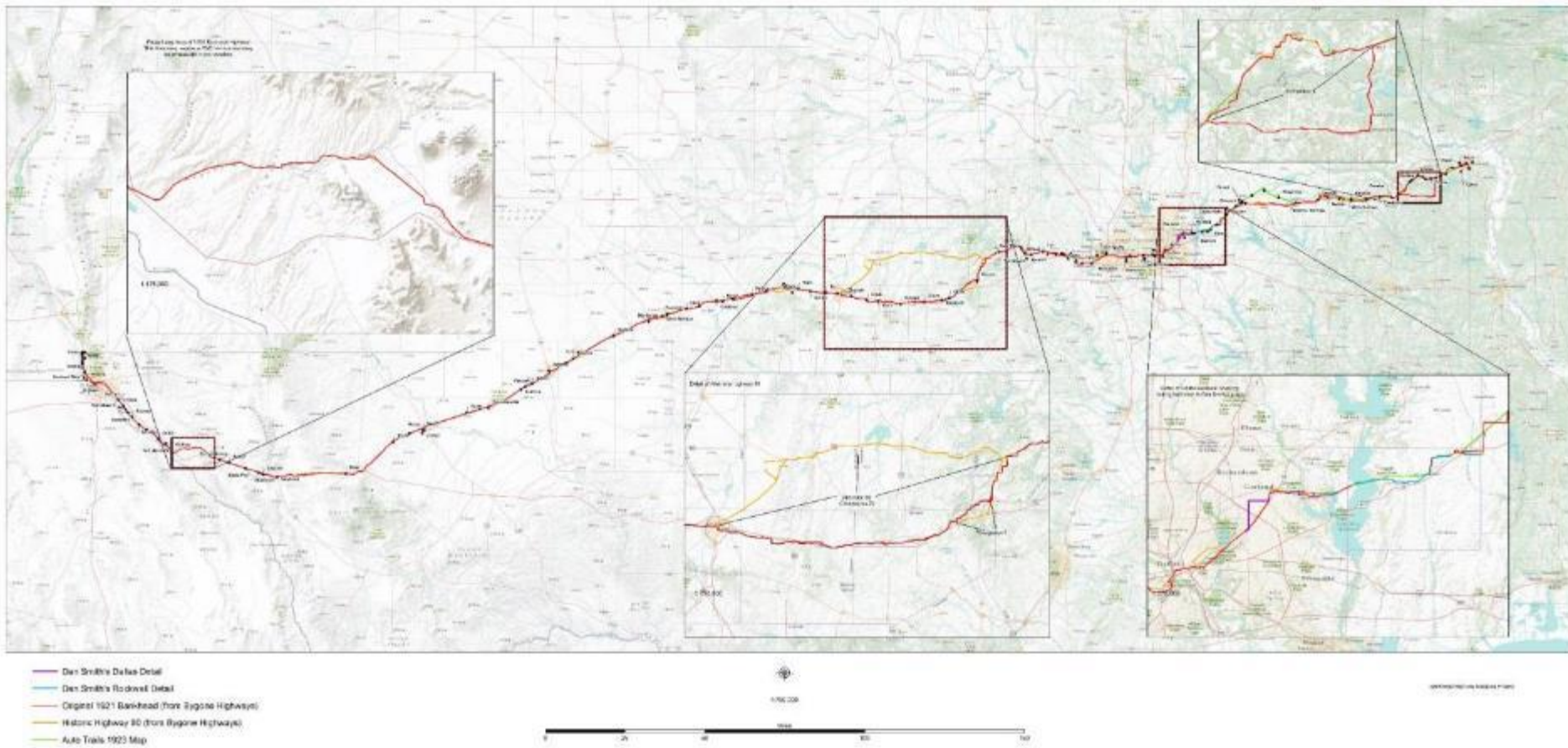
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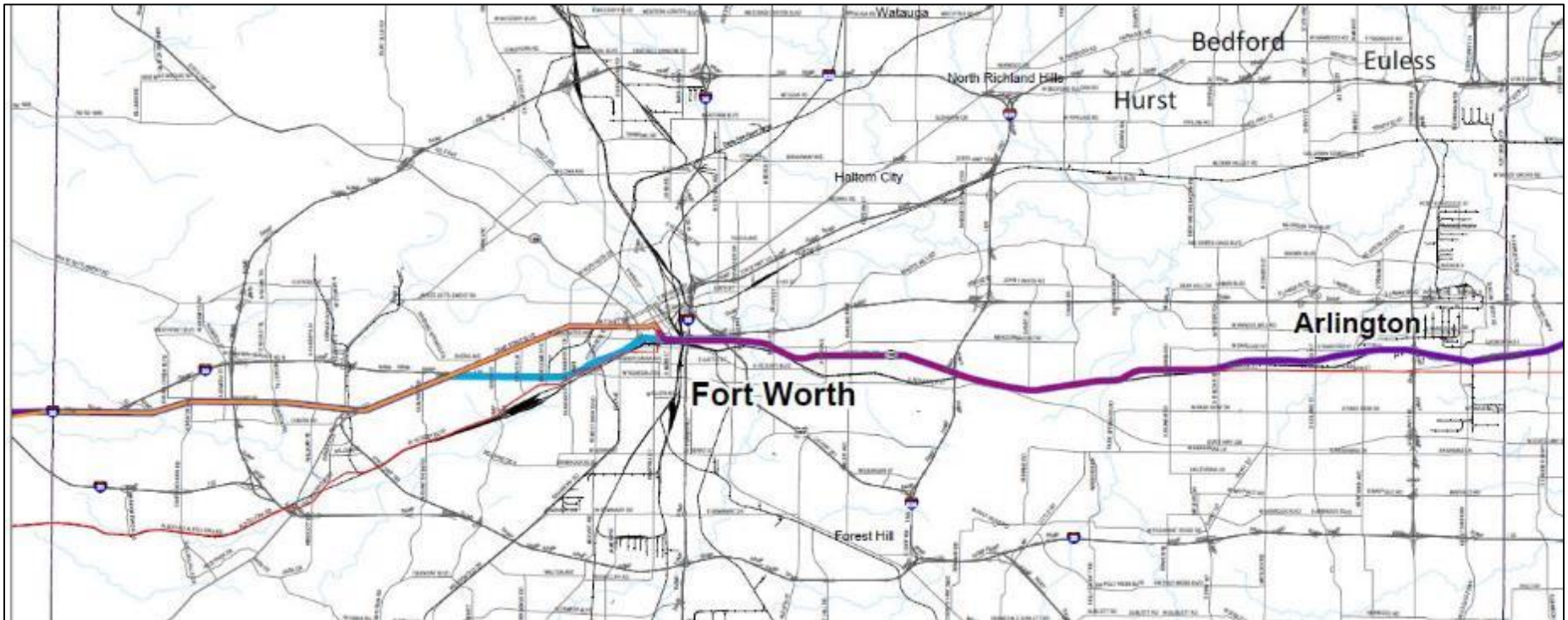
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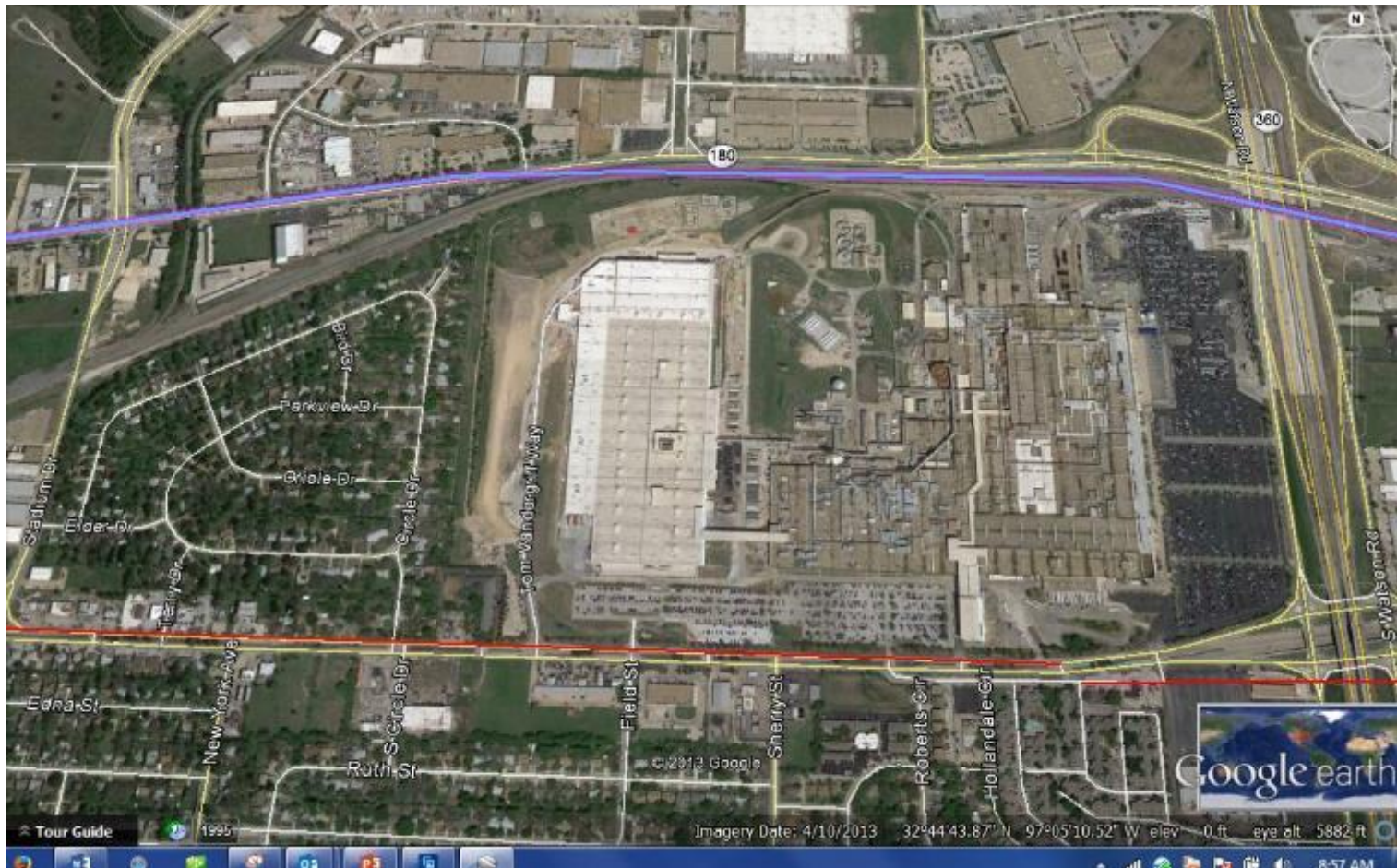
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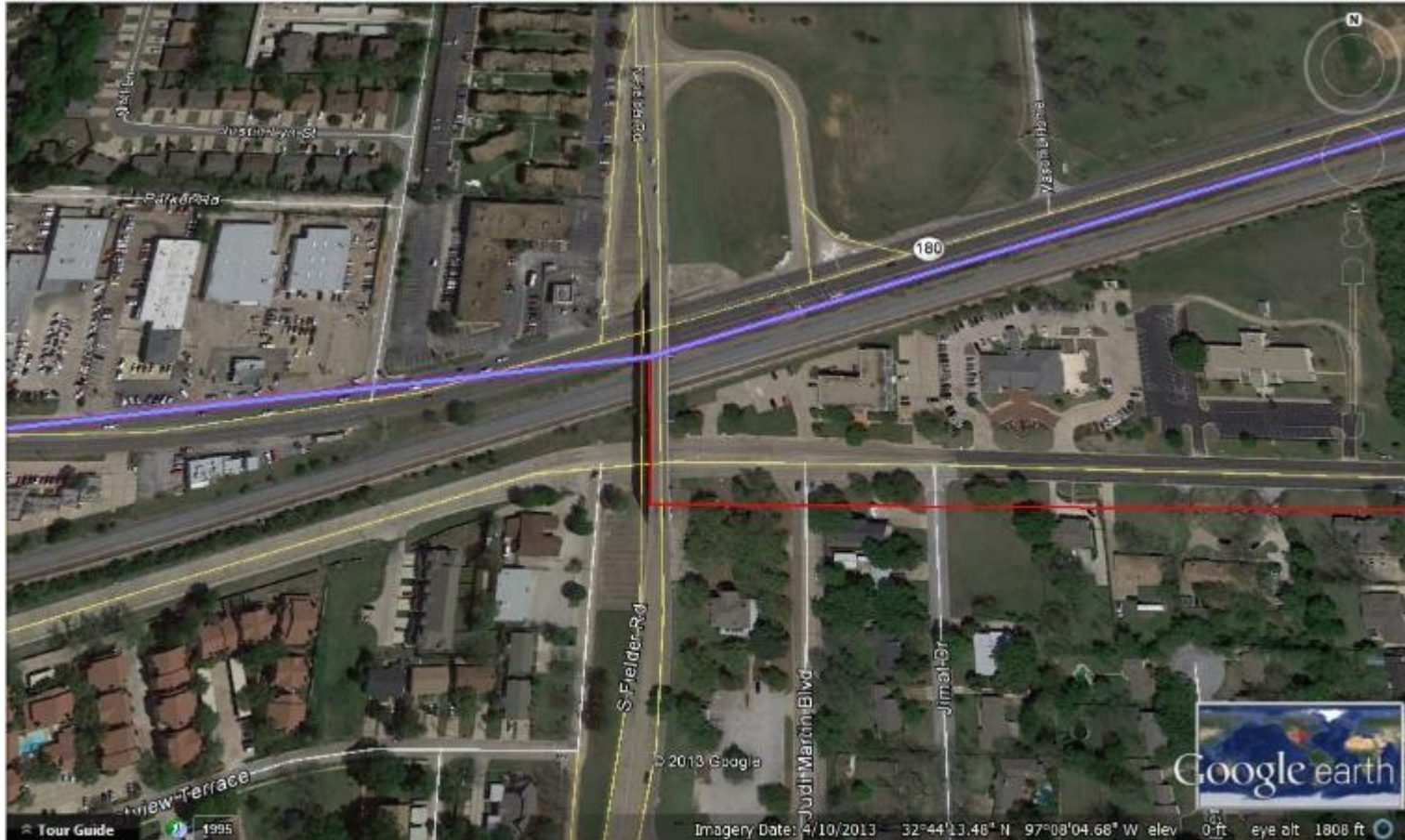
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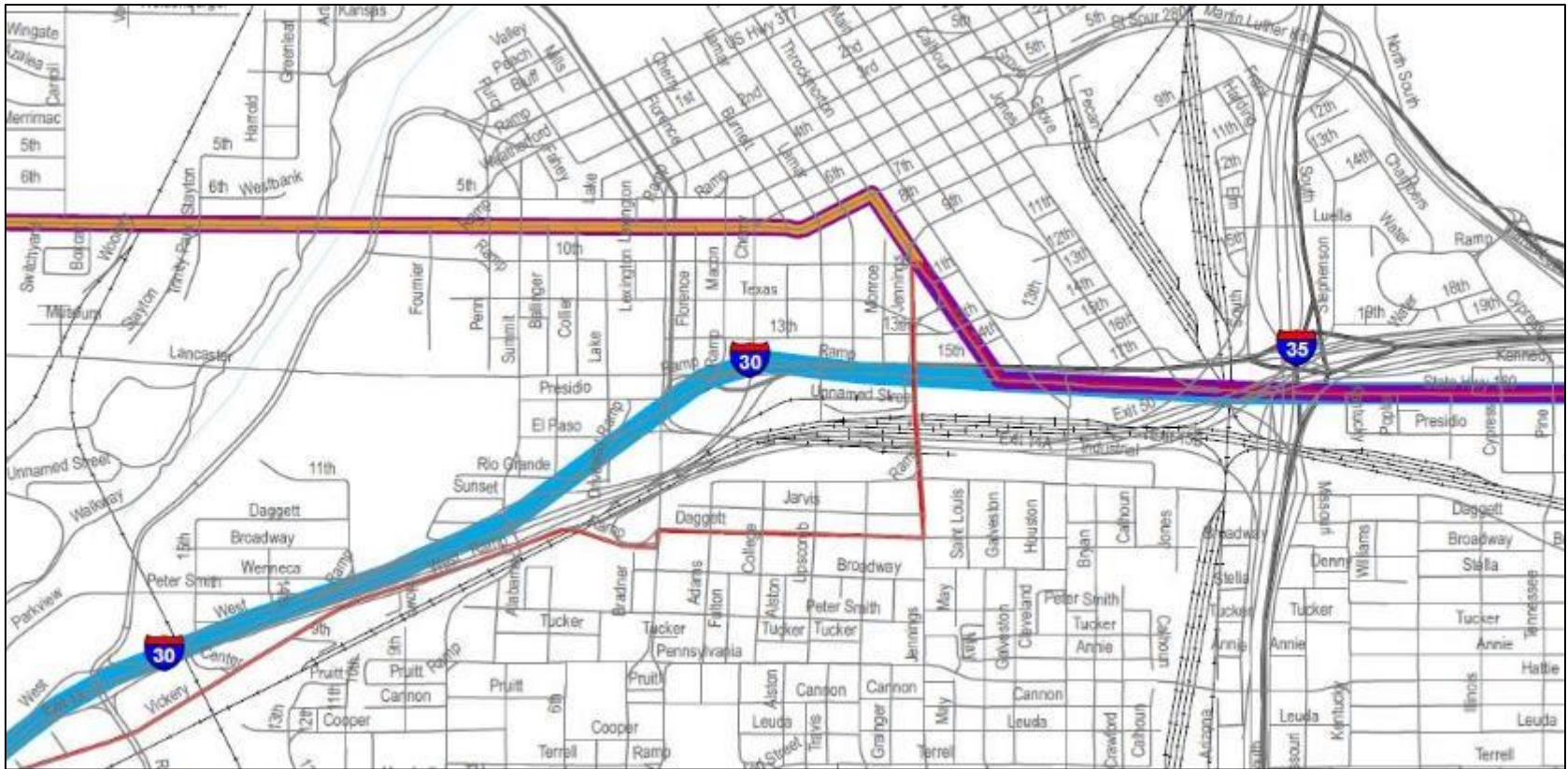
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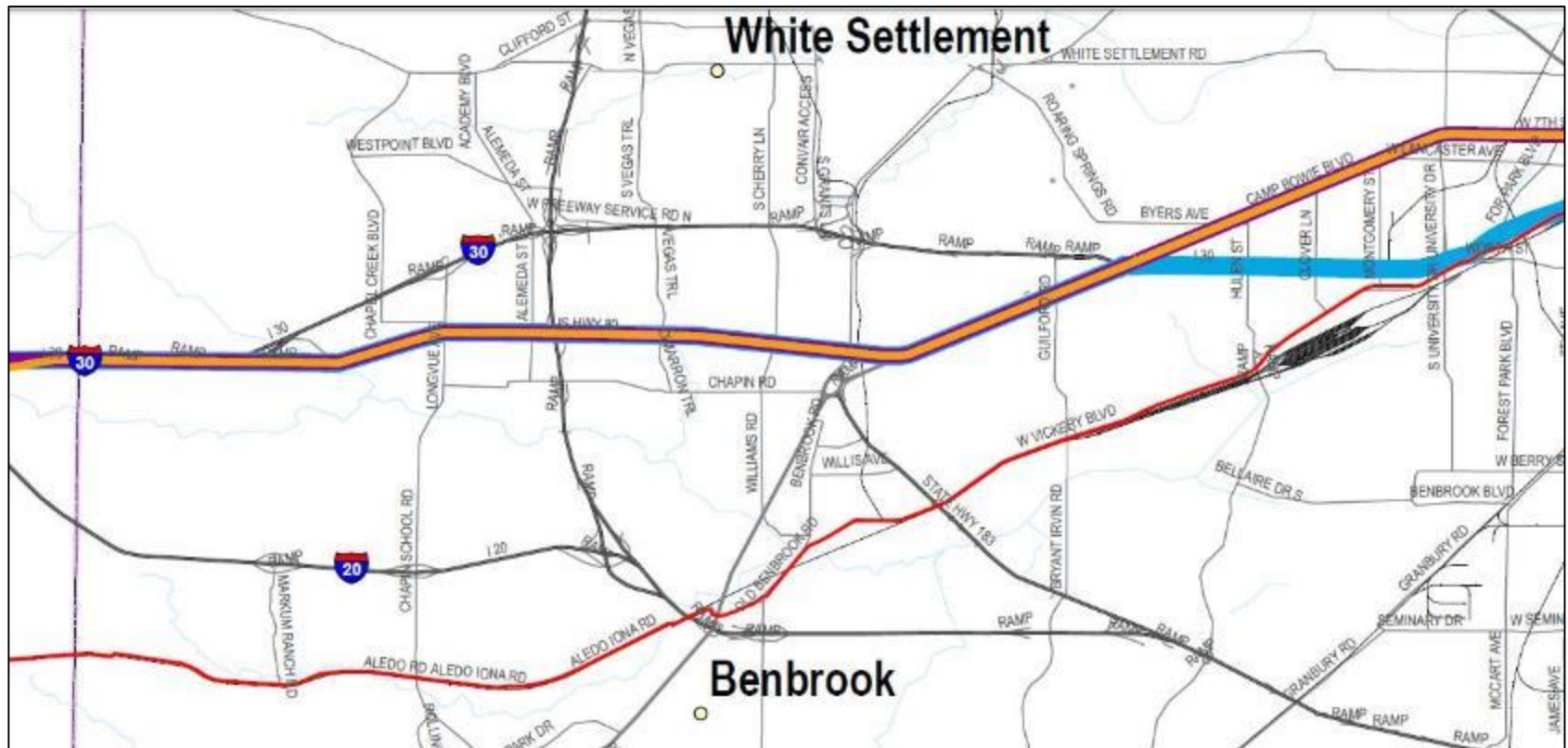
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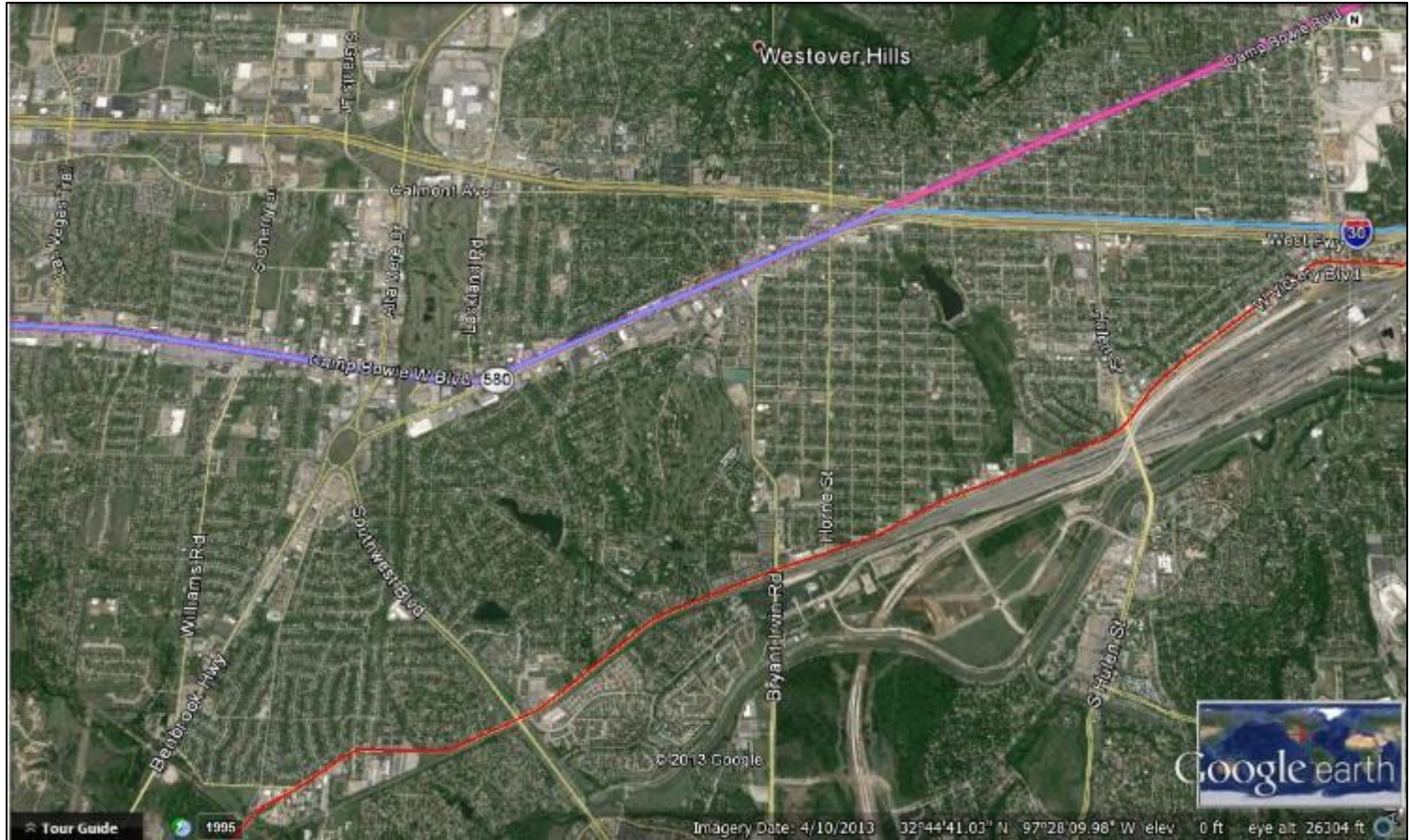
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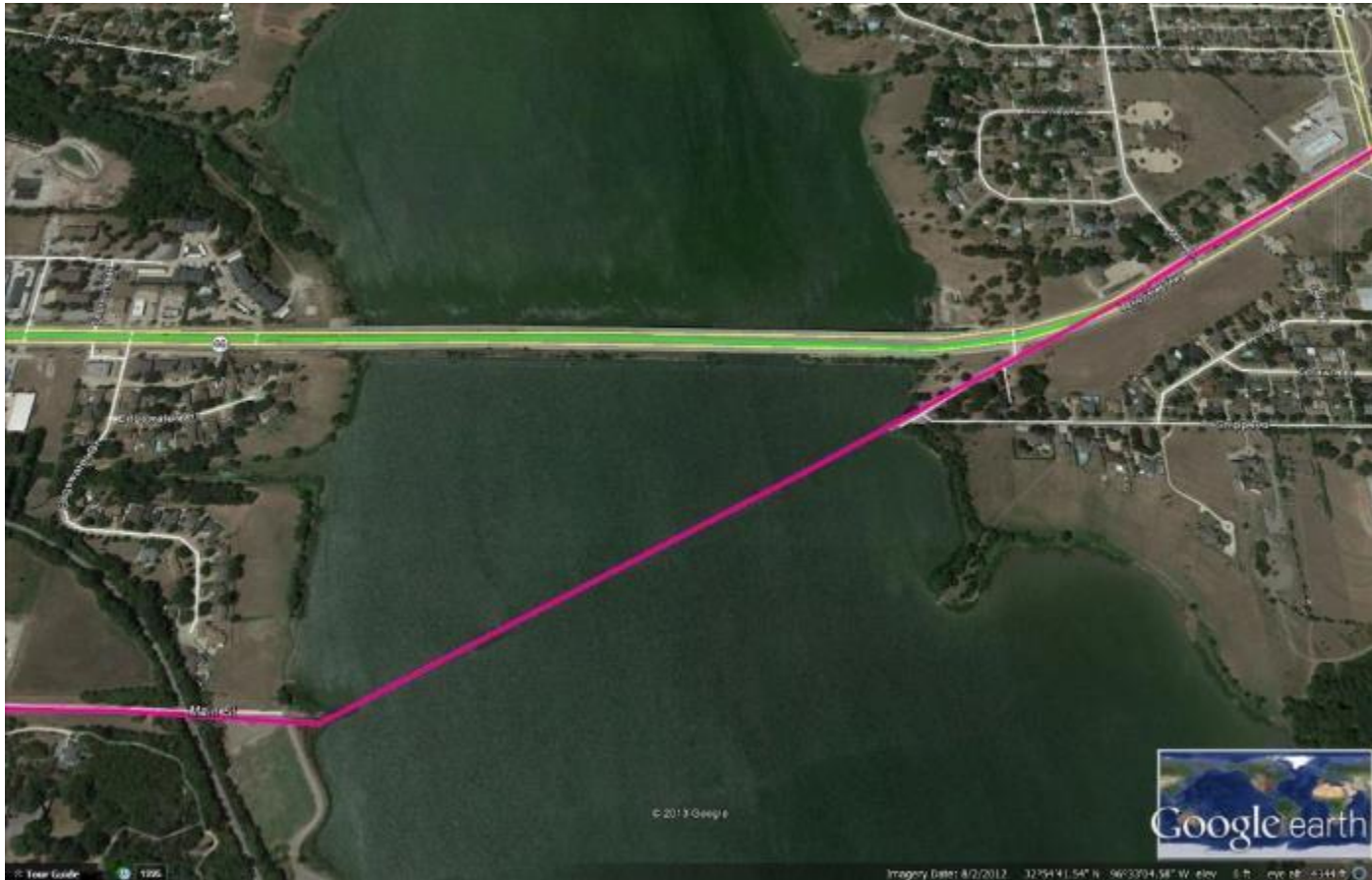
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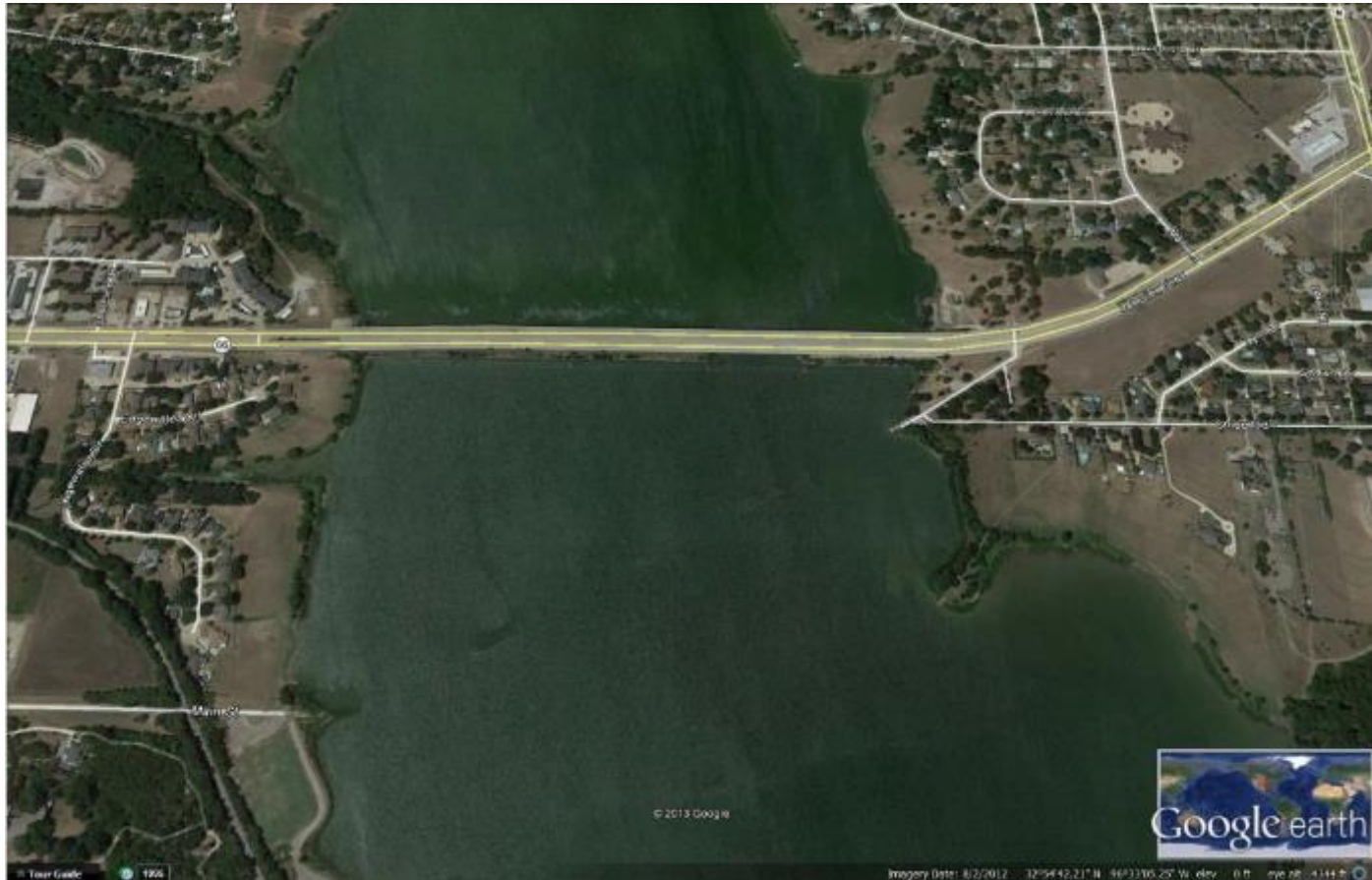
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Field Teams in Area during weeks of August 19 and 26

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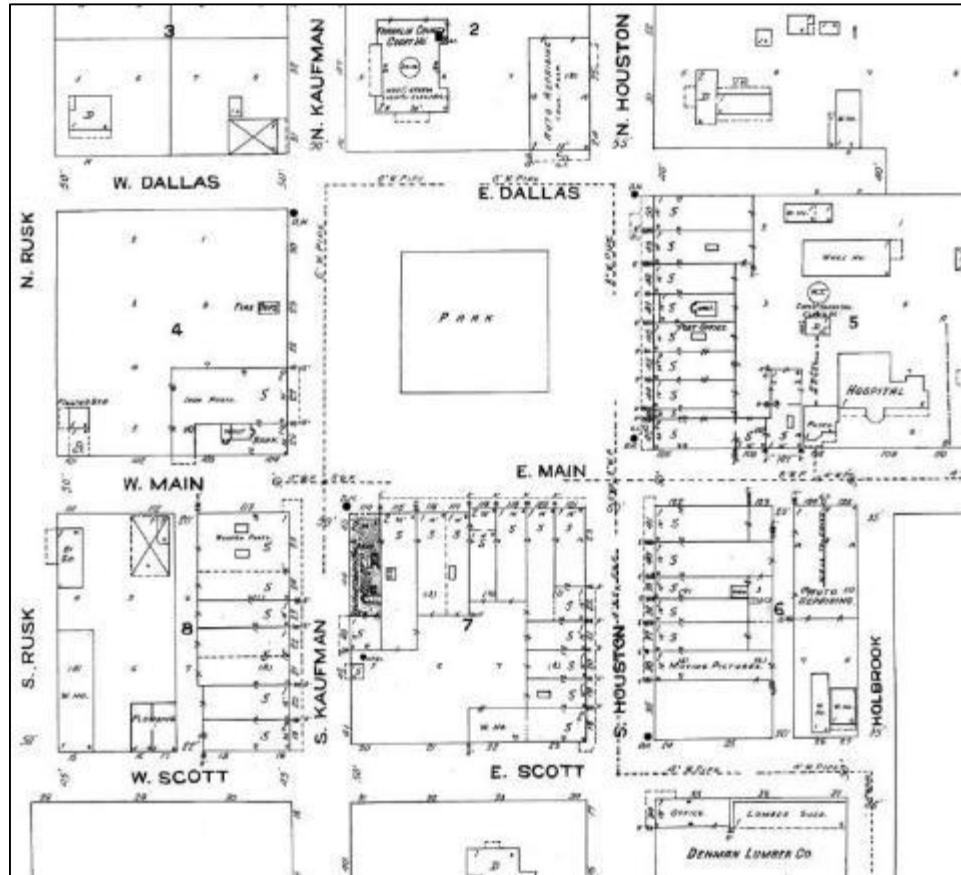
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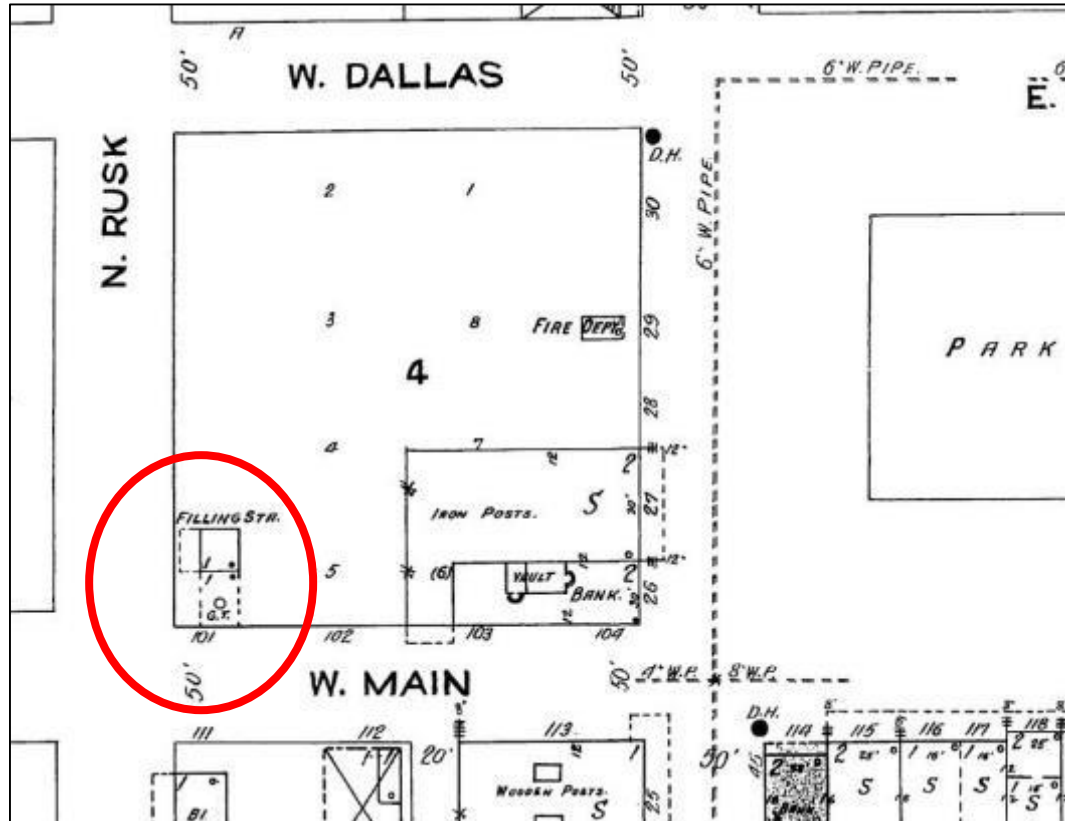
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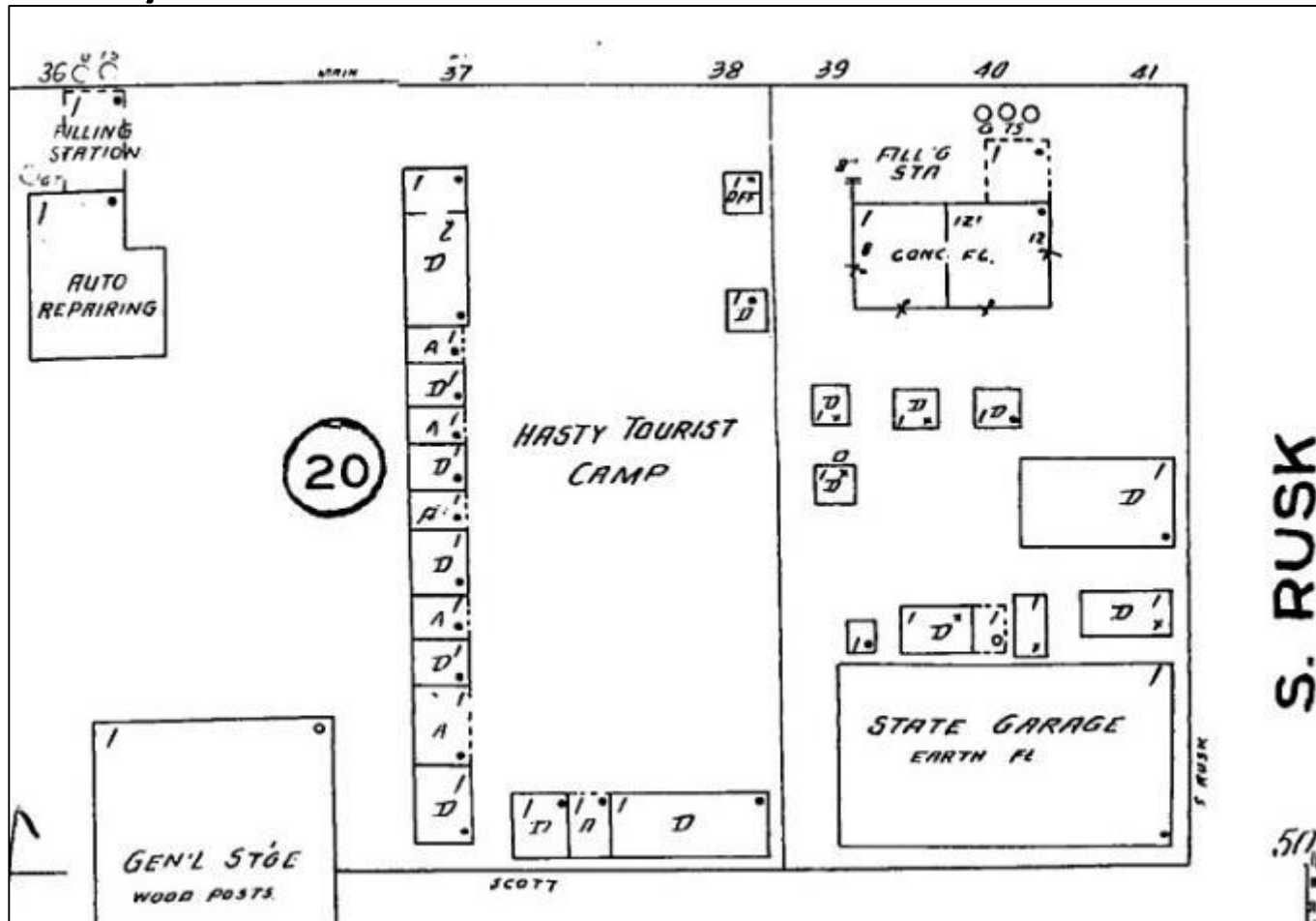
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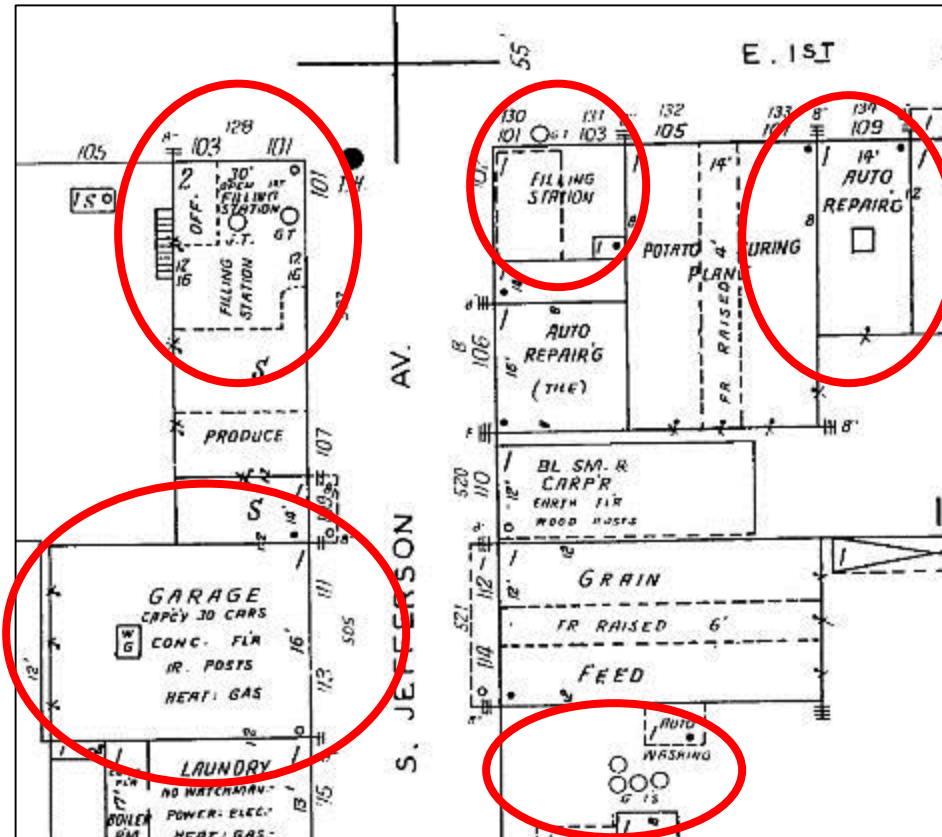
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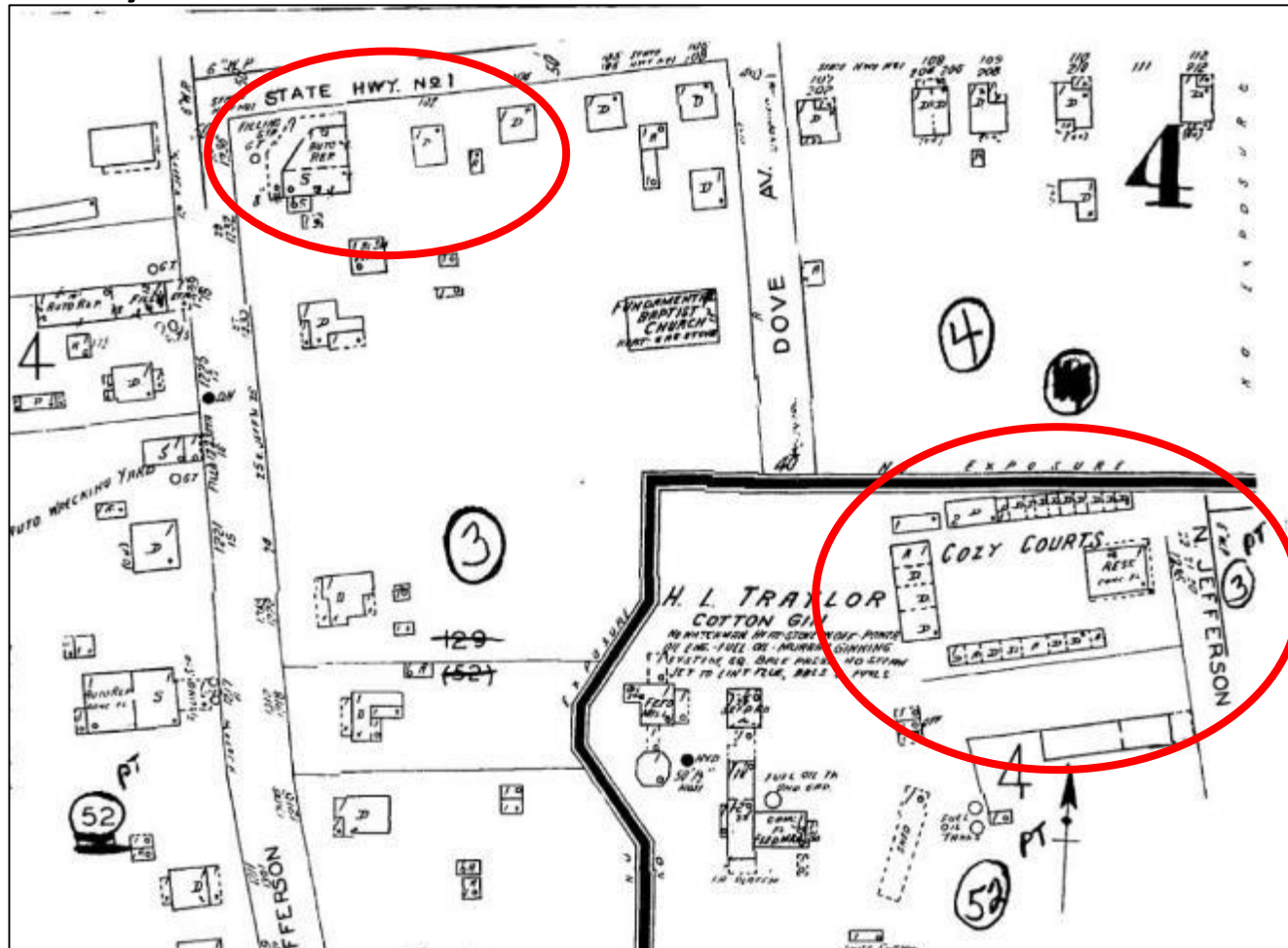
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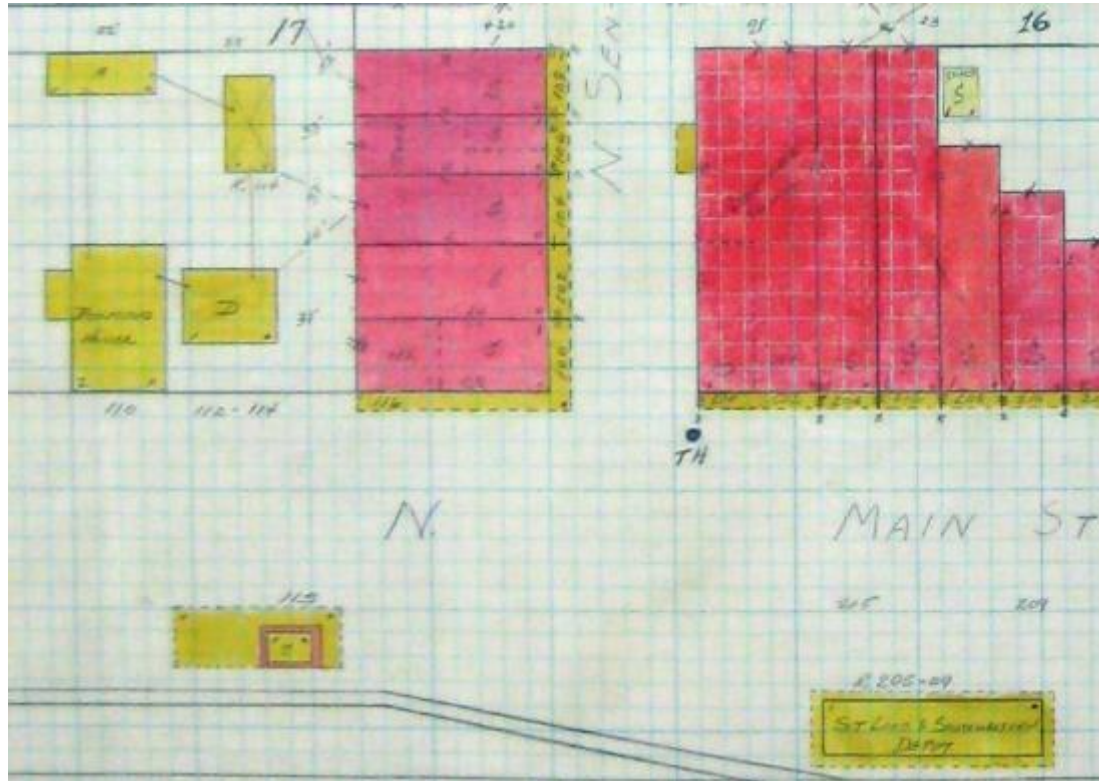
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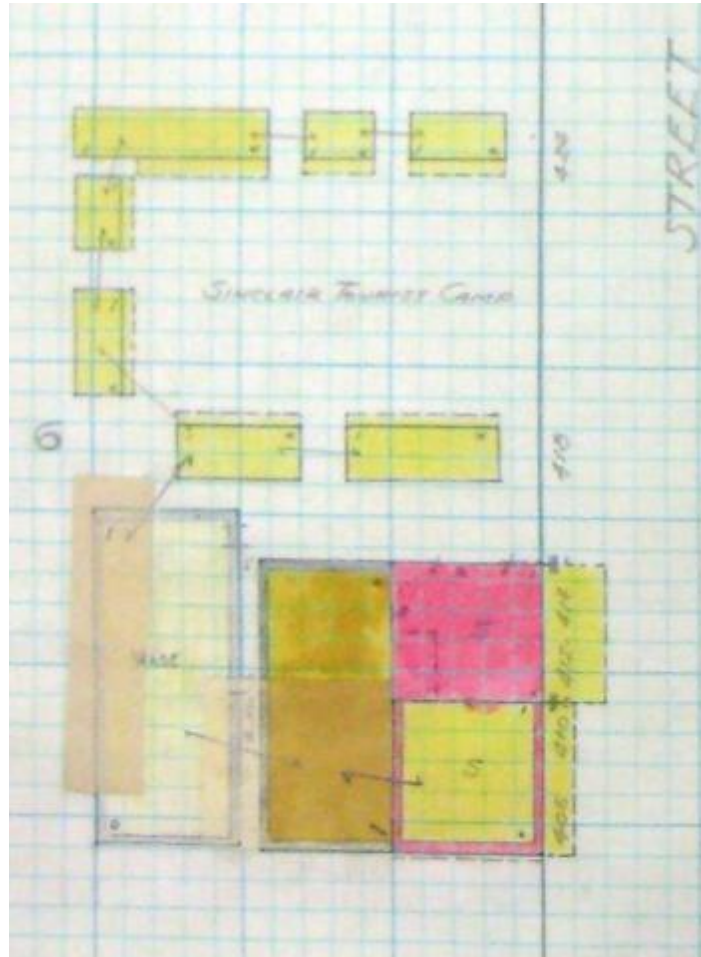
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Omaha, 1943, Texas State Board of Insurance, Texas State Library and Archives

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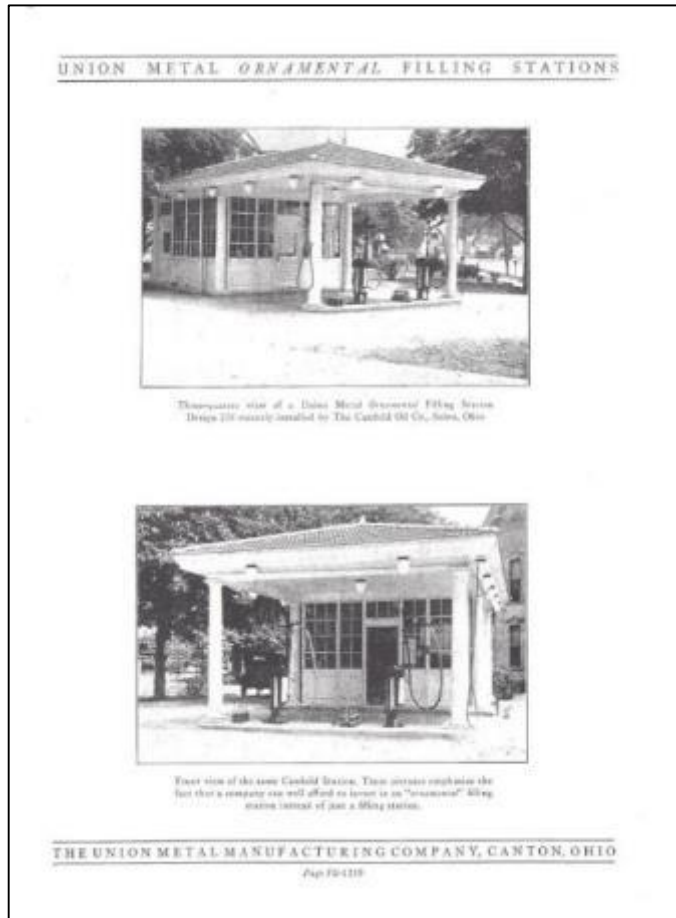
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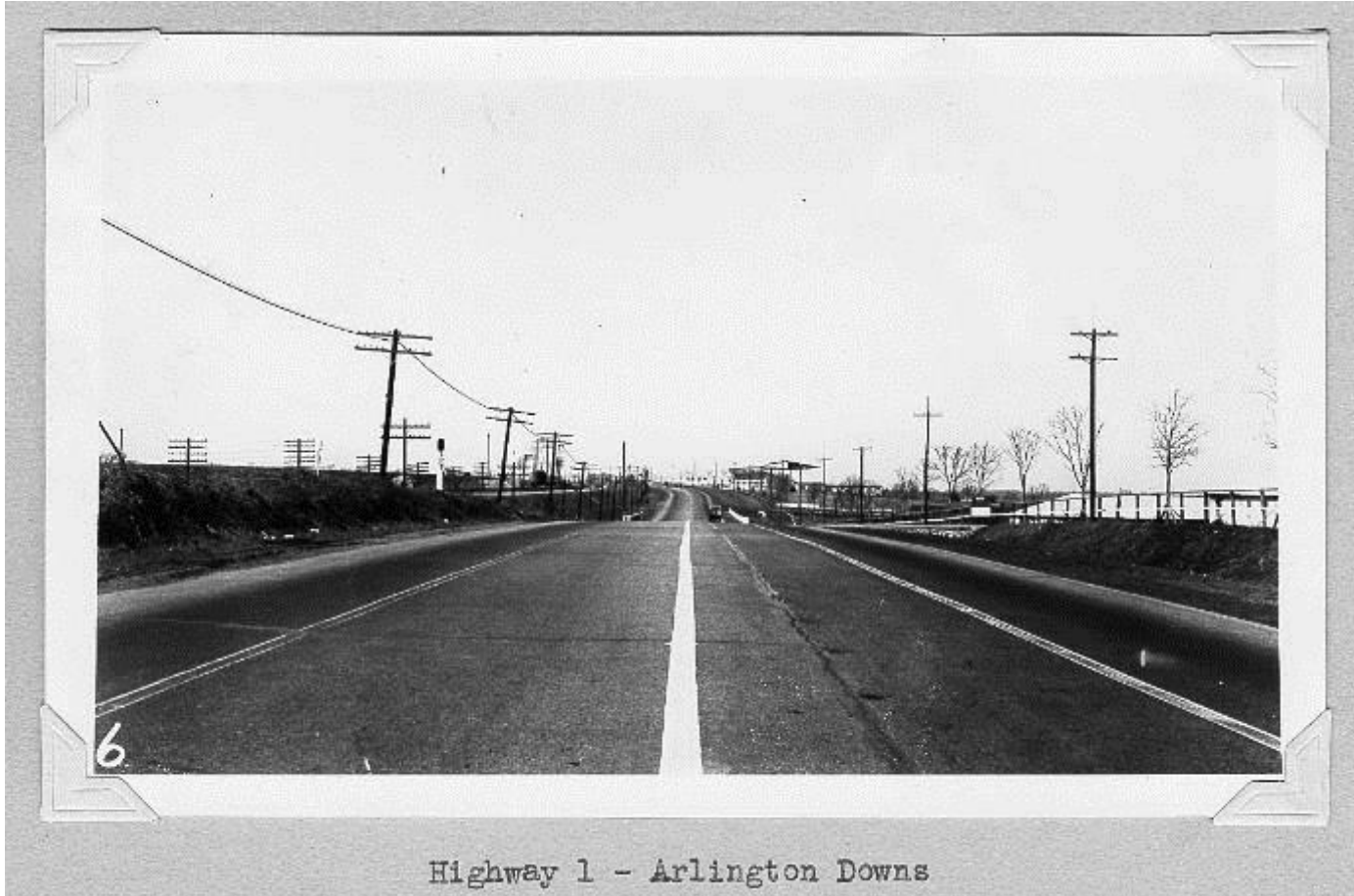
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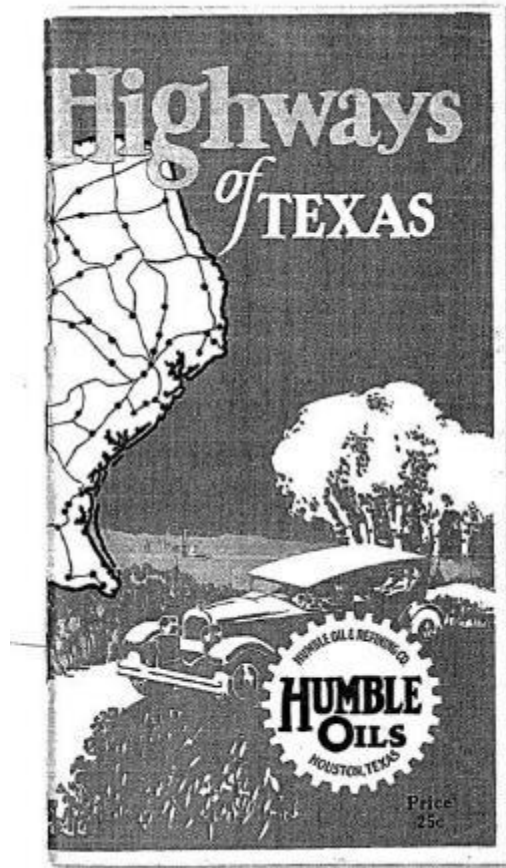
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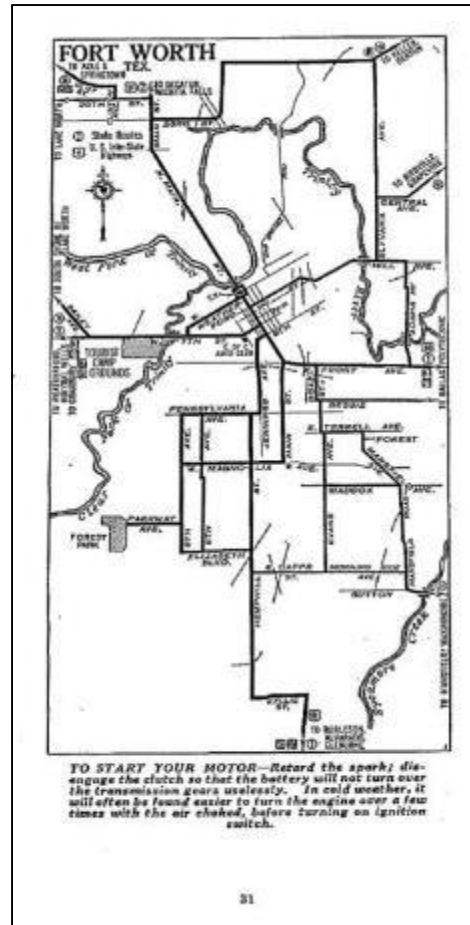
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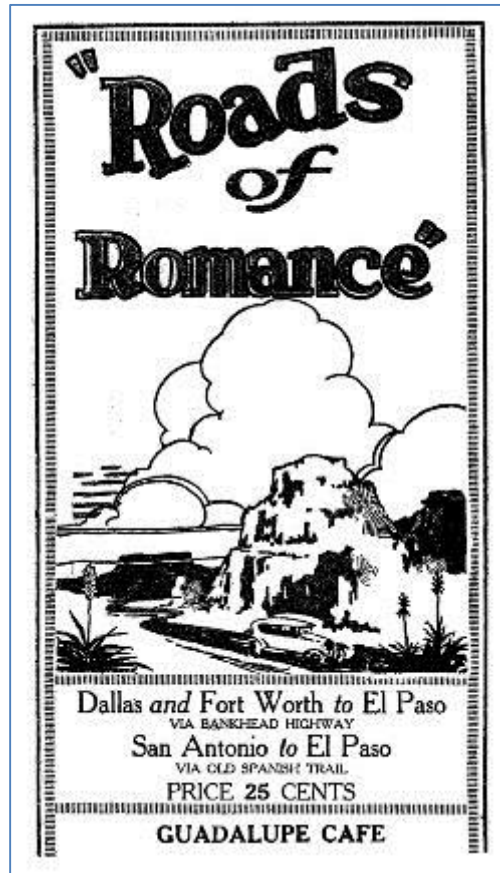
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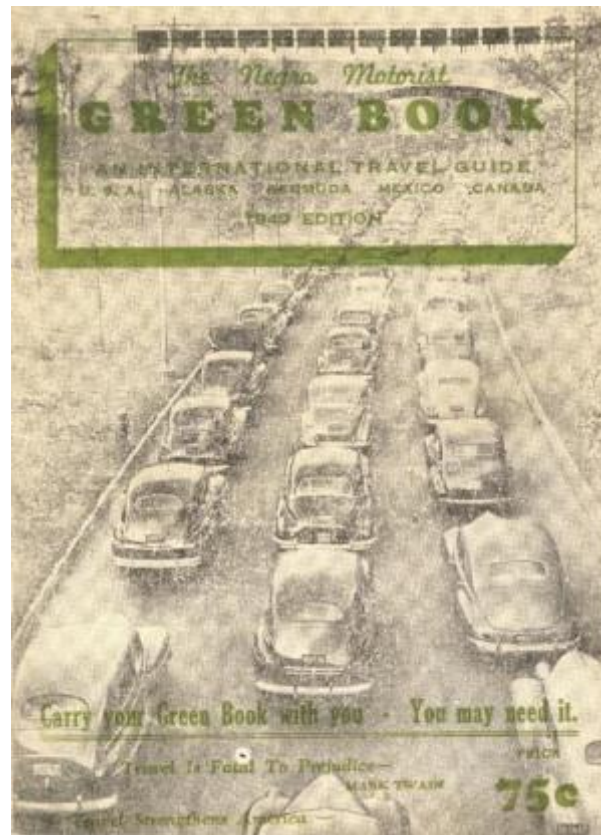
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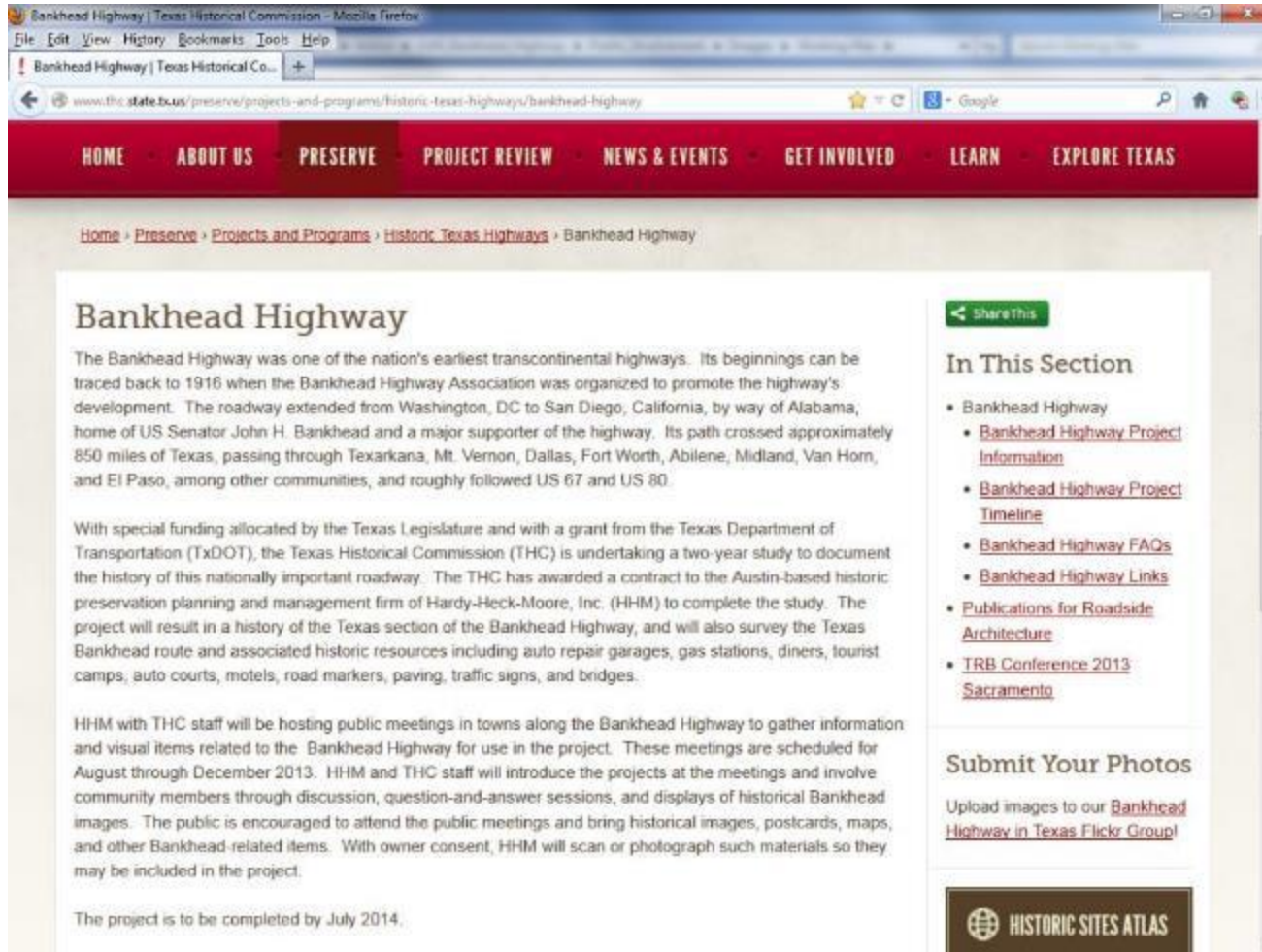
The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Texas Historical Commission's website. The page is titled "Historic Texas Highways" and is part of a series of pages under "Preserve > Projects and Programs". The main heading is "Historic Texas Highways". Below the heading is a photograph of a historic road. To the right of the photo, text describes the program established in 2009 by House Bill 2642, aimed at identifying, designating, interpreting, and marketing historic roads and highways in Texas. It mentions the Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have entered into an agreement to administer projects related to this program. The first project focuses on the historic Bankhead Highway, a coast-to-coast roadway established in 1916. The Texas Legislature designated the Texas portion of the Bankhead as a Texas Historic Highway in 2009. Using Federal Transportation Enhancement funds, the THC and TxDOT are coordinating to accomplish several products:

- A historic context for Texas highways statewide;
- A cultural resources survey of much of the Bankhead Highway (including field documentation of highway-related resources);

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<http://www.thc.state.tx.us/preserve/projects-and-programs/historic-texas-highways>

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Bankhead Highway

The Bankhead Highway was one of the nation's earliest transcontinental highways. Its beginnings can be traced back to 1916 when the Bankhead Highway Association was organized to promote the highway's development. The roadway extended from Washington, DC to San Diego, California, by way of Alabama, home of US Senator John H. Bankhead and a major supporter of the highway. Its path crossed approximately 850 miles of Texas, passing through Texarkana, Mt. Vernon, Dallas, Fort Worth, Abilene, Midland, Van Horn, and El Paso, among other communities, and roughly followed US 67 and US 80.

With special funding allocated by the Texas Legislature and with a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the Texas Historical Commission (THC) is undertaking a two-year study to document the history of this nationally important roadway. The THC has awarded a contract to the Austin-based historic preservation planning and management firm of Hardy-Heck-Moore, Inc. (HHM) to complete the study. The project will result in a history of the Texas section of the Bankhead Highway, and will also survey the Texas Bankhead route and associated historic resources including auto repair garages, gas stations, diners, tourist camps, auto courts, motels, road markers, paving, traffic signs, and bridges.

HHM with THC staff will be hosting public meetings in towns along the Bankhead Highway to gather information and visual items related to the Bankhead Highway for use in the project. These meetings are scheduled for August through December 2013. HHM and THC staff will introduce the projects at the meetings and involve community members through discussion, question-and-answer sessions, and displays of historical Bankhead images. The public is encouraged to attend the public meetings and bring historical images, postcards, maps, and other Bankhead-related items. With owner consent, HHM will scan or photograph such materials so they may be included in the project.

The project is to be completed by July 2014.

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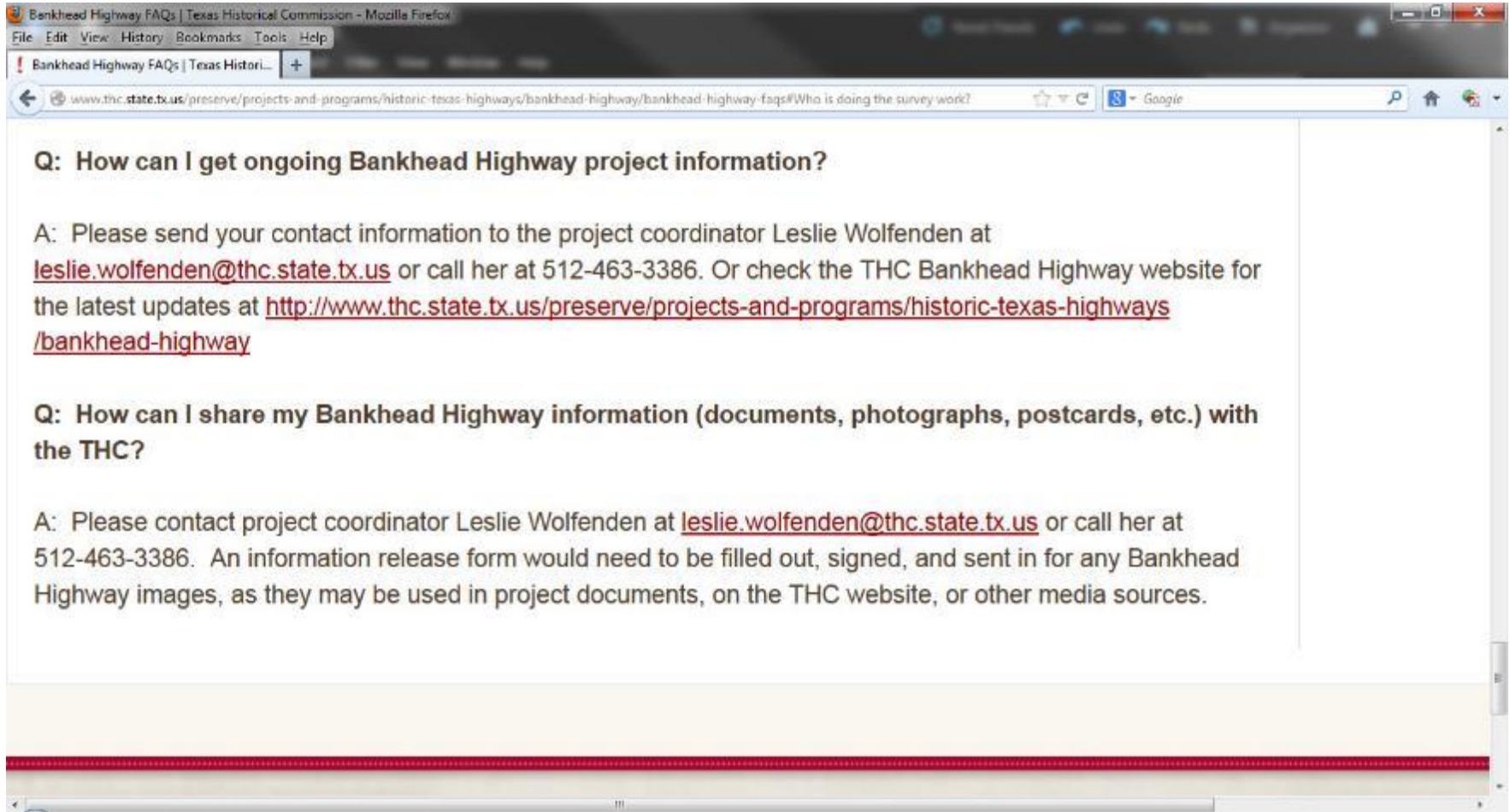
Submit Your Photos

Upload images to our [Bankhead Highway in Texas Flickr Group!](#)

HISTORIC SITES ATLAS

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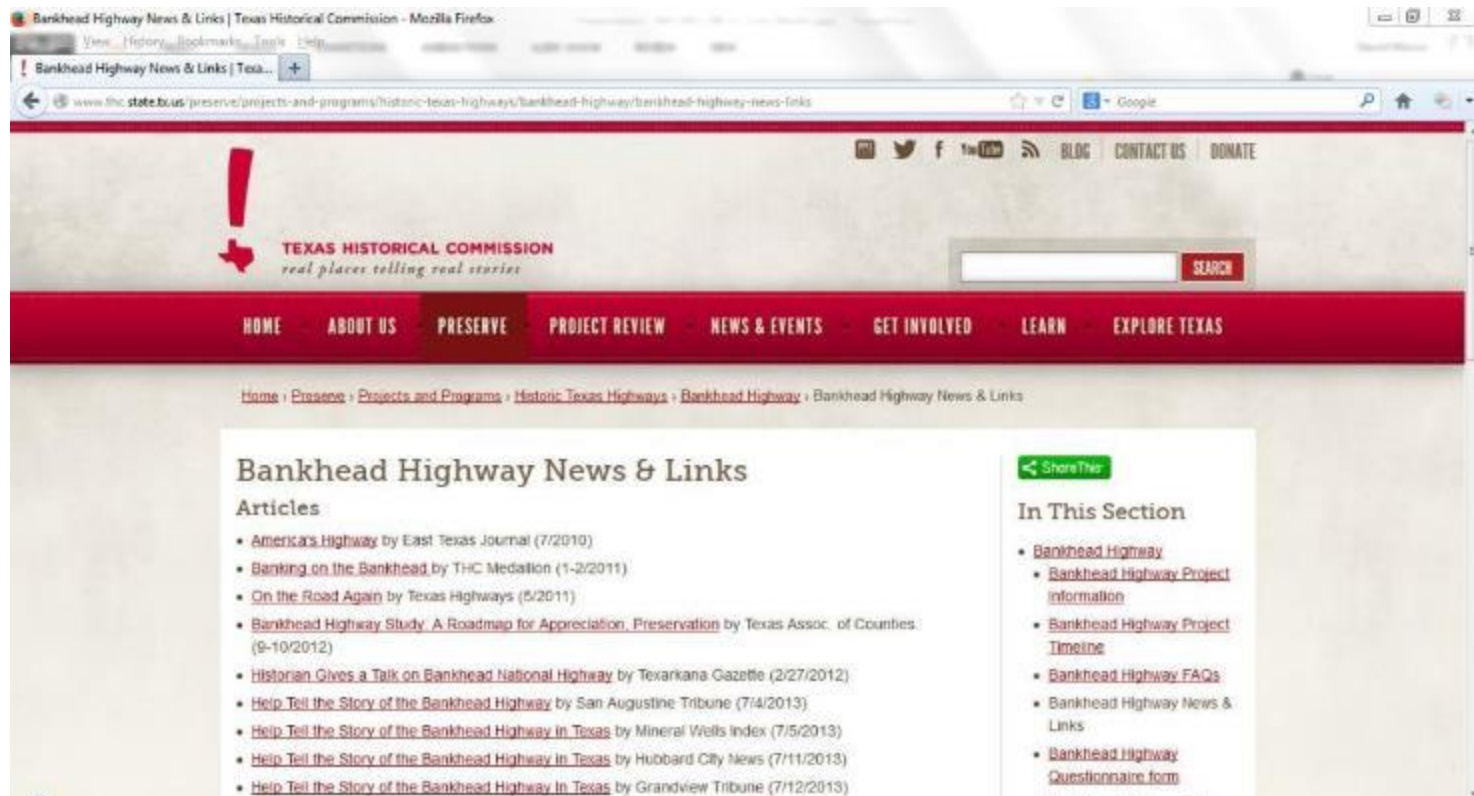
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QUESTIONNAIRE: HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY OF THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY

Project contact: Leslie Wolfenden, 512.463.3335, leslie.wolfenden@thc.state.tx.us

Participant Contact Information

Name _____

Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Activities along the Bankhead Highway

Did you, your family, or friends travel on the Bankhead Highway? If so, when, how often and for what reason? _____

Did new businesses open when the highway was built? If so, what kind of businesses were they and when were they in use? _____

Did the highway pass through the downtown area? If so, did any events take place on the downtown section of the highway, and what were they, fairs, parades, community celebrations? _____

What impact did paving the highway have on local business and movement from town to town? Did tourism increase? _____

What happened to businesses in your community when the Interstate was built? _____

Buildings and Structures along the Bankhead Highway

Do you remember any buildings or places that highway travelers used, such as tourist camps, tourist courts, motels, gas stations, repair garages? If so, what and where were they, and when were they used? Do they still exist? _____

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Do you remember any old bridges, parks or rest areas built along or near the highway? If so, where were they and do they still exist? When were they built and when did people stop using them? _____

Are there any old sections of road that are no longer used? If so, where are they? _____

Historical Information

Do you have any photographs, postcards or written materials showing places on or near the Bankhead? Are you willing to have them scanned or photographed for use in this project? _____

Do you know anyone else who might have materials to share? If so, please provide contact information. _____


I have photos, post cards or other materials to share with the project but did not bring them to this meeting. The survey crew will contact you to arrange an opportunity for you to share your materials. Please complete the section at the top of the Questionnaire so you can be contacted.

Project Feedback

Please record any comments you have on this meeting, or the project. _____

Thank you for your participation.

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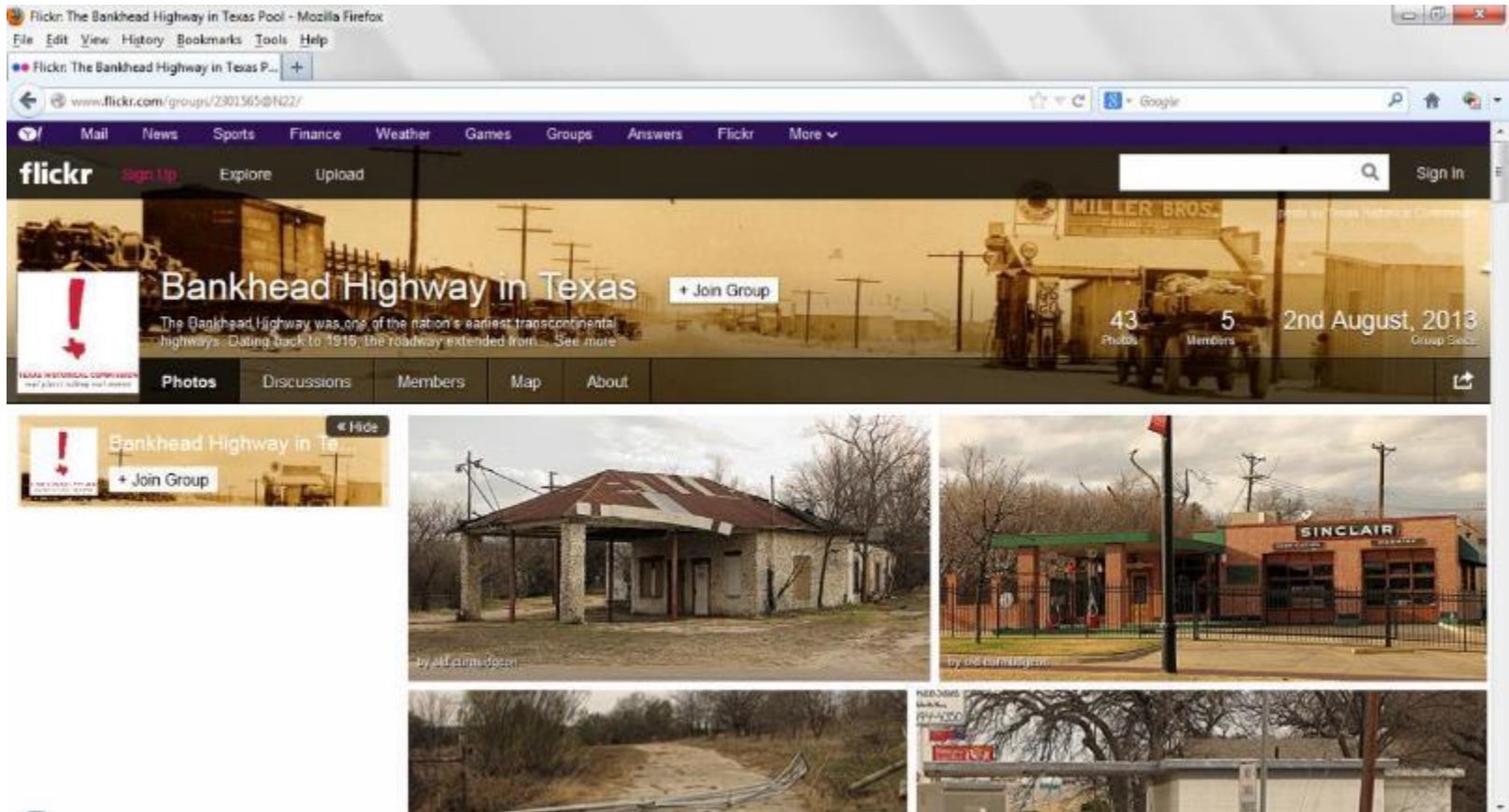
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- Next Public Meetings
 - September 30 – Eastland
 - October 1 – Mineral Wells
 - October 3 – Abilene
 - November 6 – Midland
 - November 7 – Van Horn
 - December 3 – El Paso
- Survey crews return two weeks after each public meeting

How can I participate?

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Thank you for coming!

- Questions?

